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Project OWE. Individuals who have committed serious crimes or traffic offences targeted

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Less than 24 hours after a police project targeting people with outstanding warrants launched, three people had already been arrested.

Officers began a two-week enforcement blitz at the stroke of midnight on Wednesday and by Wednesday morning, they had arrested individuals for sexual assault, robbery and forcible confinement.

Edmonton Police Service

(EPS) Staff Sgt. Regan James spoke about the second phase of Project Operation Warrant Execution (OWE) on Wednesday morning and likened the evolving enforcement-blitz to the Checkstop program.

"We are all about trying ways to develop crime-preventing strategies," said James, Project OWE spokesperson.

Beginning Wednesday, 45 law enforcement officers were redeployed for the two-week Project OWE campaign.

The officers will focus on locating individuals who have committed serious crimes.

Enforcement officers will also focus on locating prolific traffic offenders, which

is a new component to the program.

"What I can tell you about this newest generation of Project OWE is that we are really focusing on quality over quantity," James said.

In Phase 1 of Project OWE, police successfully executed more than 5,600 warrants with close to 2,700 subjects arrested, in April.

The first phase of Project OWE also saw EPS publish the name and information of a 16-year-old in Edmonton newspapers, contrary to the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Officers would not speak about that matter on Wednesday, noting RCMP and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner are still investigating the incident.

Cops look to council for extra cash

Force looking for \$6.5M, city wary of doling out more funding

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Throwing her hat INTO THE RING

Former MP Martha Hall Findlay announces during a press conference in Calgary on Wednesday that she will be a candidate in the federal Liberal leadership race. For more coverage, see page 12. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ETS. Fare hike is the cost of doing business: Councillors

The proposed 20-cent transit fare hike may be a simple matter of prices going up.

Councillors got their first chance to ask about the draft 2013 budget yesterday. The budget, which needs council approval, includes the increase to cash fares along with between three and five per cent price increases for tickets and passes.

Coun. Don Iveson said the increases are disappointing, but costs are rising and the funding has to come from somewhere. "Fuel costs are going up, labour costs are going up and we have to share the cost of all of that with transit riders," he said.

Iveson is concerned about the impracticality of a \$3.20 fare and said it is more evidence the city needs a smart-fare system. "I think the whole system



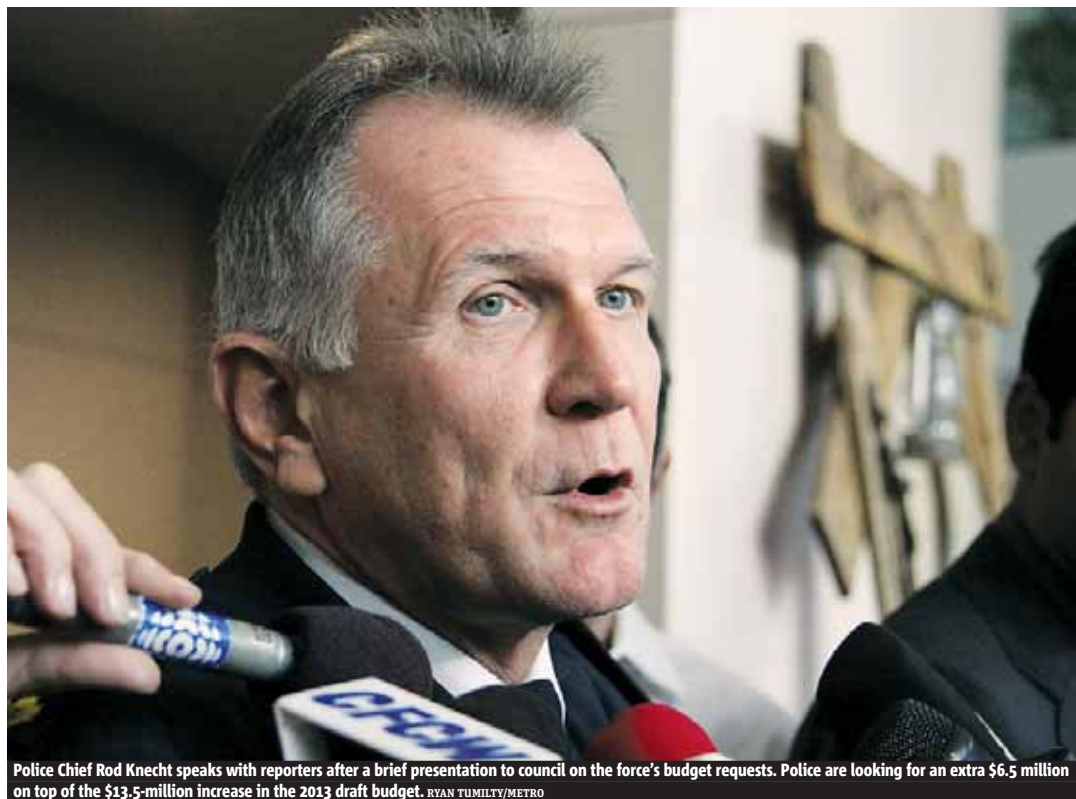
Stephen Mandel
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is going to work better when it is electronic and we can make reasonable increases every year that don't leave people having to carry a change purse," he said.

Mayor Stephen Mandel is still reviewing the budget, but said regardless of where the funding comes from, Edmontonians still pay in the end.

"Someone has to pay for it. There is no free ride. If we lower the fare, it has to be paid from taxes or reduced service. There is no freebie out there."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



Police Chief Rod Knecht speaks with reporters after a brief presentation to council on the force's budget requests. Police are looking for an extra \$6.5 million on top of the \$13.5-million increase in the 2013 draft budget. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Police seek extra \$6.5M to hire more officers

Budget 2013.
Council wary of doling out yet more funding to the force

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Edmonton police want \$6.5 million in added funding to hire homicide detectives, domestic violence investigators and more patrol officers, but it is unclear if city councillors will give them the cash.

As the city budget was presented to council on Wednesday,

Chief Rod Knecht asked councillors to consider the additional funds.

The budget, which projects a 5.5 per cent tax increase, includes a \$13.5-million boost for the force, but those funds are already spoken for, paying the full salaries of officers who were hired halfway through last year, covering wage increases and other growing costs.

"That keeps us at the current level, and we know we have gaps in service," Knecht said.

The extra \$6.5 million would add 29 new positions, all of which Knecht said are necessary. "We are not asking for 29 in the hopes we get 15 — 29 is

really what we need."

Coun. Don Iveson expressed concern that, after city council made a large investment just last year, adding more than 60 officers, there now seems to be more need.

"This is going to be a tough budget, and I am not sure we are going to be able to give them everything they want," he said.

Mayor Stephen Mandel said council supported many new positions last year and can't continuously add.

"City council has always been able to deliver that, but I think at some point there is a reasonableness and we have to say enough."

Budget matters

- The total Edmonton police budget is \$285 million. It represents \$28 of the average \$157 monthly property-tax bill.
- Among the 29 positions police want added are six new homicide detectives, four officers to investigate crimes in city jails and prisons and new officers to work exclusively on domestic-violence cases.

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Random shooting. Family of murdered man reacts to suspect's arrest

The family of 33-year-old Dale Maloney, who was murdered three months ago in a random daylight shooting, issued a statement Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Edmonton Police said they had one man in custody and another wanted on a Canada-wide warrant for second-degree murder in the death of Maloney.

Maloney died of multiple gunshot wounds after being shot around 4 p.m. at 113 Street and Jasper Avenue on Aug. 13.

Maloney's family welcomed news that an individual has been arrested and a second is wanted for the "senseless, violent death."

"We are also pleased that one of them is off the street so he can do no harm to others, and hope that the other person will be arrested very soon," said the statement.

"By killing Dale, they showed a total lack of regard for human life and there has to be a consequence for that. This was a brutal act for



Dale Maloney METRO FILE

which there was no reason. These people need to know that this will not be tolerated by our society. There has to be justice."

The family also thanked Edmonton police, the first responders and the witnesses who came forward. **METRO**

'Fresh.' City endorses strategy to promote urban agriculture

Edmonton city council officially endorsed a plan for how the city grows food and protects the local food system, but how it will be rolled out won't be known until the new year.

The report entitled "Fresh" looks at ways the city can promote urban agriculture.

But over two days of public hearing, much of the focus centred on protecting agricultural land in the city's northeast.

Coun. Linda Sloan tried to focus in on that issue with a motion that would have asked for a report on ways to preserve agricultural land before reviewing a plan for the area next year.

Quoted

"I do believe council has missed an opportunity to better inform itself on this topic."

Coun. Linda Sloan, whose motion for a report on preserving northeast land failed

That motion failed and Mayor Stephen Mandel said that while the public hearings focused on the land in the northeast, that is not what the strategy is about.

"This is a city-wide agricultural plan and it is not just for the northeast," he said.

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Cameron Thomas, 26, Edmonton's 25th homicide victim this year, is shown in this photo from Facebook. CONTRIBUTED

Weekend death ruled a homicide

Cameron Thomas. Police seek witnesses after man dies of gunshot wounds

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"He always had a smile on his face from ear to ear and a huge heart."

Meghan, who went to high school with homicide victim Cameron Thomas

Edmonton died of gunshot wounds in a parking lot near Boneyard Ale House at 34 Avenue and 92 Street early Sunday, according to the city's medical examiner.

It's the city's 25th homicide of 2012.

Thomas "always had a smile on his face from ear to

ear and a huge heart," said a friend who went to Eastglen High School with the athlete. He was an all-star football player and a competitive track and field athlete.

"You could tell that he was going somewhere," said Meghan, who only wanted to be identified by her first name.

The crime occurred at approximately 3 a.m. on Nov. 11.

The Edmonton Police Services (EPS) homicide section is leading the investigation. A suspect has not yet been identified and police are actively seeking witnesses.

"We want to hear from anyone who was at the scene either before or after the homicide happened," said lead homicide detective Karen Ockerman in a release.

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Health. New E. coli case linked to XL Foods beef plant



The public health agency of Canada has identified one more case of E. coli linked to the Brooks beef plant that was at the centre of a massive recall. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A new case of E. coli has been linked to the XL Foods beef plant at the centre of an extensive product recall.

The Public Health Agency of Canada said Wednesday that the new case is in Alberta and brings the total number across the country to 18.

The agency said the person became ill last month and is still recovering.

Last month, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency gave the plant in Brooks, Alta., permission to resume slaughtering cattle after be-

ing shut down for more than a month.

It is not clear when the plant will be allowed to resume shipping beef to retailers in Canada or to export products to the United States.

On Nov. 4, the agency discovered new cleanliness problems at the plant and ordered corrective action.

CFIA officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

The Public Health Agency says six of these 18 people were treated in hospital.

The people who became ill ranged in age from five to 63. Ten were male and eight were female.

The agency says it can take two to three weeks from the time a person becomes ill with E. coli before testing can confirm a link to the outbreak. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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New garden at cancer institute will help patients grow, heal

Cross Cancer Institute.

Fifty years of caring to take root in city garden

Cost

The garden will cost \$600,000 and will be completely wheelchair accessible for patients. About 350 people volunteer for the Cross Cancer Institute serving refreshments, running a wig salon and providing transportation.

When Susan Carr was at the Cross Cancer Institute battling pancreatic cancer, she yearned to get back to nature and spent a lot of quality time in her garden.

Seven years later, as the 50th anniversary committee chair for the Cross Cancer Institute's Volunteer Association, she is helping bring the garden to patients at the CCI.

The garden, which officially broke ground Wednesday, will be a place where patients can go and escape the tiring, stressful and often fearful world of cancer treatment.

"I just felt compelled to feel the wind, to experience the sun, to enjoy the plants and trees. It sounds hokey, but feeling part of the universe was very comforting," Carr said.

"(There's) that need to be outdoors and, for a moment, be distracted from the grim reality of what you're facing as a cancer patient."

The garden, expected to be

open to patients in the spring of 2013, is the anniversary project of the CCI's Volunteer Association, which has been working with patients at the Edmonton institution for half a century.

"It's not just the practical support, it's not just the fact that they help patients get around, comfort them, but it's the meaning of that support," said Dr. Paul Grundy, AHS-Cancer Care Senior Vice-President and Senior Medical Director.

The garden will include shelters to shield patients from the elements, a winding path, a seating area and a symbol of the circle of life, which can also be interpreted as the Aboriginal Medicine wheel. LAURIE CALLEN/METRO



From left, John Vandenberg, project manager with Delnor Construction Ltd.; Jane Weller, Alberta Cancer Foundation CCI Development Director; John Jacob, president of the CCI's Volunteer Association and Scott Fielding, outgoing executive director of the CCI, break ground Wednesday for the new healing garden at the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton. LAURIE CALLEN/METRO

Northern Alberta

Sex charges against band councillor dropped

Charges of sexual assault against a northern Alberta band councillor have been withdrawn.

The Crown told Court of Queen's Bench in Fort McMurray that there isn't

sufficient evidence to pursue a case against Michael Orr of the Fort McKay First Nation.

The 45-year old was charged in June 2011 after allegations that he had sent explicit text messages and photographs to two people.

Orr was suspended from the band in light of the charges.

Neither Orr nor band officials were available for comment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blaze

Classes cancelled at school following morning fire

There will be no classes at a west Edmonton Christian school for some time after an early-morning fire.

School officials aren't sure what caused the fire at Meadowlark Christian

School, a Kindergarten to Grade 9 School operated by Edmonton Public Schools.

The fire caused about \$100,000 in smoke and limited water damage and was contained to a science room and gymnasium storage area.

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Jacky Xiang swabs himself on Wednesday during an OneMatch Get Swabbed campaign to encourage ethnically-diverse young men to add themselves to the stem cell and bone marrow registry. LAURIE CALLSEN/METRO

Students swabbed for bone-marrow matching effort

OneMatch. Stem cell and bone marrow registry in need of young, ethnically-diverse male donors to save lives



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In just five minutes, University of Alberta students took the first step in saving lives by offering a swab of their DNA.

During a OneMatch swabbing campaign on campus Nov. 14, ethnically diverse young men were targeted for stem

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cells and bone marrow donations to help save the lives of cancer patients.

"It's not like I need to keep it all to myself. If it can help someone else, why not?" said Jacky Xiang, a third year student in chemical engineering co-op, who added himself to the registry.

As of 2008, 83 per cent of the registrants in OneMatch are Caucasian, but diversity is need-

ed as patients are best matched with registrants of their own ethnicity.

Men are preferred as donors over women because there is a lower risk of complications and young donations have a better long-term survival rate for recipients.

"You could be the one match that saves someone's life. There are so many different (genetic) markers you can have for bone marrow donation. If you don't sign up, that could be one cancer patient that didn't get a donation," said Owais Yahya, president of Blood Awareness and Donation Students' Association.

For those who can't visit a clinic you can apply for a do-it-yourself swabbing kit online.

Goddess island

Cirque coming to Northlands in May

Cirque Du Soleil will bring its trademark blue and yellow tent to Northlands Park next year.

This will be the first time the Quebec circus has raised their tent in Edmonton and this time they are bringing a show, entitled Amaluna, for a limited engagement starting May 30.

The show is about a mysterious island governed by Goddesses and guided by the cycles of the moon. Tickets for the show go on sale Dec. 4. **METRO**

Risk to reoffend. Alberta child molester expected to live in Winnipeg

Winnipeg police are warning the public in that city about a convicted Alberta child molester who was released from a Manitoba prison Wednesday.

Ryan James Gabourie, 31, was convicted of sexually molesting five young boys between five and 11 years old by sneaking into their homes through unlocked windows or doors and sexually assaulting them in their beds while their families were sleeping, police said.

The crimes shocked the city of Grand Prairie, Alta., between mid-2004 and early 2005.

The victims were unknown to Gabourie, and police said he



Ryan James Gabourie HANDOUT

would choose homes where children's toys were visible in the yard. Manitoba police believe Gabourie is a high risk to reoffend. **METRO IN WINNIPEG**

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Four-star follies shock the U.S.

Sex scandal. The Petraeus affair grows like a soap-opera plot but, Obama says, poses no security threat — yet

U.S. President Barack Obama made his first public comments Wednesday on the growing scandal around two top four-star generals.

Was national security threatened?

No, said a wary Obama.

"I have no evidence at this point that classified information was disclosed that in any way could have any impact on our national security."

Meanwhile, the tangled tale that exposed one general's career-ending extramarital affair and another's questionable relationship with a Florida socialite was ballooning to soap-opera proportions. Five developments:

One: A U.S. official said the army has suspended the high-security clearance of Paula Broadwell, the woman who had an affair with CIA director David Petraeus, triggering his resignation.

Roadblock

Obama had hoped to use Wednesday's news conference, his first since his re-election, to build support for his economic proposals.

- **Stymied.** Instead, the scandal threatens to derail his agenda and complicate planning during a critical time in the Afghanistan war effort.

Two: With media camped at her home, a Florida socialite tied to the scandal asked police for diplomatic protection. Jill Kelley cited her status as honorary consul general for South Korea.

Three: Kelley's pass to MacDill Air Force Base has been suspended, officials said. She now must sign in.

Four: The FBI found classified documents on Broadwell's computer and at her home in Charlotte, N.C.

Five: At least five current and former generals have been reprimanded or investigated for possible misconduct in the past two weeks, reports said.

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President Barack Obama steps up to the podium at his Washington, D.C., news conference Wednesday. He said of the Petraeus sex scandal: "I have a lot of confidence generally in the FBI, and they have a difficult job. It's best right now to see how this process unfolds." CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Too close

Why a bio can lead to a love affair

The affair between David Petraeus and Paula Broadwell is an extreme example of the closeness between biographers and their subjects.

"As with psychiatrists, same with biographers, you shouldn't sleep with your subject," said Blake Bailey, biographer of authors John Cheever and Richard Yates.

Years spent together, as Broadwell had with Petraeus in Afghanistan, can make the biographer's experience intensely personal, sexual or not.

Doris Kearns Goodwin was an aide to Lyndon Johnson who sometimes took notes while the ex-president lay in her bed, a relationship she called platonic and described in her book, *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream*.

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Key figure. Jill Kelley blew the whistle

Nearly all lines in the tangled sex scandal involving David Petraeus lead back to Jill Kelley, the daughter of a Lebanese-born couple.

Her complaint about anonymous, threatening emails triggered the FBI investigation that led to the retired general's resignation Friday as director of the CIA.

Now Kelley is in the middle of an investigation of Gen. John Allen, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, over alleged "inappropriate communications" between the two.

Kelley's friendship with Petraeus and his wife began when the general arrived in Tampa in about 2008.

Kelley and her husband, Scott, a cancer surgeon, threw a welcome party at their home.

Kelley also met Allen while he was at Central Command.

And now investigators are looking at 20,000-plus pages of documents and emails between Kelley and Allen.

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It's almost like Real Housewives

David Petraeus sent out signals he'd like to stay on for President Barack Obama's second term. But suddenly he was resigning over an extramarital affair. It's a scandal almost like Real Housewives. The cast:

Paula Broadwell

Author, married mom and Petraeus's biographer.

Their affair was exposed after Broadwell sent emails to Jill Kelley, warning her to stay away from Petraeus, officials said.



John Allen

A four-star Marine general, a top U.S. commander in Afghanistan. Some emails involving Allen and Kelley were flirtatious and suggestive, say officials.



David Petraeus

A four-star general praised for his leadership in Iraq and Afghanistan. Became CIA chief in 2011. Admitted an extramarital affair with Paula Broadwell.



Jill Kelley

Surgeon's wife, mom of three kids, friend of Petraeus and his wife. A party hostess and social liaison for leaders of the U.S. military's Central Command in Tampa.

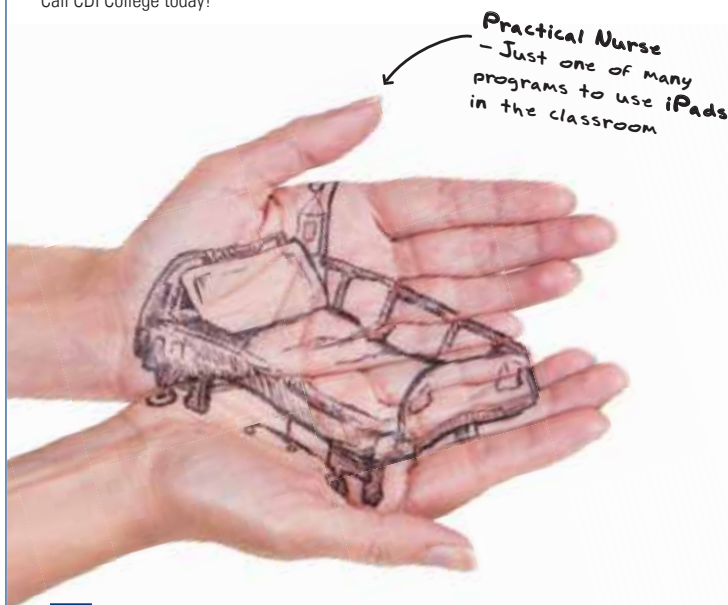


The shirtless FBI man

And then there's the FBI agent to whom Kelley first complained about disturbing emails. He has been named as Frederick Humphries, 47. It's alleged he once sent her shirtless photos of himself. He passed her complaint to others for investigation.

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Government defends exclusion of Carol Todd at bullying summit

Inspired by her daughter. Mother of Amanda Todd said she only wanted to listen, watch and absorb the information



PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS
Metro in Vancouver

The B.C. government is defending its decision not to invite Carol Todd to an anti-bullying summit that was inspired by her daughter Amanda's tragic death.

Education Minister Don McRae said on Wednesday that two experts on bullying and anti-bullying response — Theresa Campbell and Kevin Cameron — were worried Todd's presence could pose risks for the students or young adults.

"They expressed concern that if Mrs. Todd were to attend with the young people that the risk for unintended



Amanda Todd FACEBOOK

consequence was there," he said.

Cameron, executive director of the Canadian Center for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response, said they wanted a lower-anxiety forum focused on bullying and not on trauma.

He also advised the ministry to meet Todd before-

ERASE Bullying

"If you're going to mention my daughter's name, then I would think it would've been nice if the parents were invited."

Carol Todd, whose daughter, Amanda, took her own life early last month

hand to discuss the effects that her presence could have on both her and the young participants.

"It was an understanding from prior experience with high-profile traumas that I have dealt with, many parents want to be present, feel they can, and in the end ... they wished they had never said yes because they weren't able to manage their emotion and it was too soon after the traumatic incident."

The ERASE Bullying summit, held in Vancouver on Tuesday, gathered more than 100 students, educators and experts to talk about ways to combat bullying.

Liberal race. Ex-MP Martha Hall Findlay seeks federal leadership ... again

The federal Liberal leadership race has another high-profile candidate.

Former MP Martha Hall Findlay, who also sought the party's top job in 2006, came forward on Wednesday on the first official day of the leadership campaign.

"In 2006, there were some who questioned my run for leadership. But soon most were calling it gutsy. Before long, people were coming up to me all the time to say how much I inspired them," Hall Findlay said as she made her announcement in Calgary.

"We need to take on (NDP Leader) Thomas Mulcair right

where it counts and where he's the weakest — the economy. We need to take on (Prime Minister) Stephen Harper, take the fight to him, not just wait and react defensively to the next round of attack ads."

Hall Findlay joins Justin Trudeau, who announced his candidacy six weeks ago, and four others.

They include Toronto lawyer Deborah Coyne, Vancouver Crown prosecutor Alex Burton, Ottawa lawyer David Bertschi and David Merner, former president of the party's British Columbia wing. The Liberals are to choose a new leader in April. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Martha Hall Findlay announces that she will be a candidate in the federal Liberal leadership race during a press conference in Calgary on Wednesday. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Privacy violations

Ombudsman took a back seat on issue: Veterans

The country's veterans ombudsman received nine privacy-violation complaints over the past five years, seven of which were handed over to Canada's privacy commissioner. A high-profile advocate wants the federal solicitor general to investigate whether it was appropriate for ombudsman Guy Parent to "take a back seat" on the issue. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

'Intelligence source'

PCO spent \$463K monitoring ethnic media

Citizenship and Immigration Canada isn't the only department spending thousands of dollars keeping an eye on the country's ethnic media. The Privy Council Office spent \$463,300 last January on a two-year contract with the same ethnic-media monitoring company that Citizenship has paid almost \$750,000. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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People gather around the wreckage of the car in which Ahmed Jabari, head of the Hamas military wing in Gaza City, was killed on Wednesday. ADEL HANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel kills Hamas military chief

Pillar of defence. After assassination, Israel says a ground operation in Gaza is a 'strong possibility'

Israel carried out a blistering offensive of more than 20

air strikes in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, assassinating Hamas' military commander and targeting the armed group's training facilities and rocket launchers in Israel's most intense attack on the territory in nearly four years.

Israel said the air strikes, launched in response to days of rocket fire out of Hamas-ruled

Gaza, were the beginning of a broader operation against the Islamic militants code-named Pillar of Defence. Israeli defence officials said a ground operation was a strong possibility in the coming days though they stressed no decisions had been made, and much would depend on Hamas' reaction.

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Indian national Savita Halappanavar died after being refused a termination of her pregnancy at a hospital in Galway, Ireland. HANDOUT/GETTY IMAGES

Irish abortion debate flares

Fading health. A woman suffering a miscarriage was refused an abortion and died in hospital from blood poisoning

The debate over legalizing abortion in Ireland flared on Wednesday after the government confirmed that

a woman in the midst of a miscarriage was refused an abortion and died in an Irish hospital after suffering from blood poisoning.

Prime Minister Enda Kenny said he was awaiting the findings of three investigations into the death of Savita Halappanavar, a 31-year-old Indian woman who was 17 weeks pregnant.

Her case highlighted the legal limbo in which pregnant women facing se-

Legal in England

Most Irish women wanting abortions, an estimated 4,000 per year, simply travel next door to England, where abortion has been legal on demand since 1967. But that option is difficult for women in failing health.

a predominantly Catholic country.

Halappanavar's husband, Praveen, said doctors at University Hospital Galway in western Ireland determined she was miscarrying within hours of her hospitalization for severe pain on Oct. 21.

He said over the next three days, doctors refused their requests for an abortion to combat her surging pain and fading health.

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vere health problems can find themselves in Ireland,



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The long arm of the law

Riot police apprehend a protester on Wednesday during a general strike in Madrid. Spain's General Workers' Union said the nationwide stoppage, the second this year, was being observed by nearly all workers in the automobile, energy, shipbuilding and construction industries. DANIEL OCHOA DE OLZA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arizona

Woman accused of running over husband because he didn't vote against Obama

An Arizona woman apparently ran over her husband with an SUV because he didn't vote in last week's presidential election, police said.

Authorities say Holly Solomon opposed President Barack Obama and was upset her husband didn't go to the polls.

Police say Solomon chased her husband through a parking lot, circled him as he hid behind a light pole, struck him and pinned him under the vehicle as he tried to flee.

Solomon told police she was just trying to scare him but accidentally stepped on the accelerator.

She was booked on an aggravated assault count. The husband told investigators Solomon believed her family was going to face hardship if Obama was re-elected.

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Canadians' summer spending spree

Did the warm weather loosen our collective purse strings? According to a report released Wednesday, Canadian debt loads grew at their fastest pace in two years during the summer — an alarming rate, given that officials continue to warn consumers that household spending is out of control. Credit reporting agency TransUnion's latest quarterly analysis of Canadian credit trends found average consumer non-mortgage debt jumped 4.6 per cent year-over-year in the third quarter to an average of \$26,768. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Nexen deal

Prentice calls for clarity on state-owned investment

Former Conservative cabinet minister Jim Prentice says strict rules on governance and investment transparency are needed if state-owned enterprises

are allowed to move into Canada, but that the country cannot afford to turn its back on such opportunities.

In a speech to the Oil and Money 2012 conference in London, Prentice said current turbulence over investments by state-owned enterprises in Canada may have caught some in the international community by surprise.

However, Prentice, now a senior executive with Canada Imperial Bank of Commerce, said the controversy has been building for years. It recently came to a head with a couple of major takeover deals — including the \$15.2-billion bid by state-owned China National Overseas Oil Corp for Nexen Inc.

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Hollinger. Former exec reaches plea agreement with OSC

Conrad Black's former business partner David Radler has been barred from acting as an officer or director of a public company in Ontario for his role in the fraud at Hollinger newspaper group, but has escaped financial penalty.

The plea agreement approved Wednesday saw the Ontario Securities Commission withdraw all charges against Radler.

Radler, who lives in Vancouver and oversees a privately held newspaper group, was not present at the 15-minute hearing in downtown Toronto.

"Mr. Radler is moving on with his life," said his lawyer, David J. Martin.

The ban is indefinite, although Radler can apply to have it reviewed at any time.

OSC Commissioner Christopher Portner said he was "satisfied" with the joint-agreement and that it kept in line with the regulator's mandate of protecting Ontario's capital markets.

Radler is also prohibited from becoming a registrant, employee, director or officer of a registrant or an affiliated



David Radler leaves a Chicago court in 2007. An Ontario regulator has barred the former Hollinger executive from acting as a corporate director or officer of a public company.

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public company in Ontario. He must also refrain from directly or indirectly trading or acquiring securities related to Hollinger Inc.

Wednesday's deal is related to charges originally filed in March 2005 against Radler, Black, and Hollinger Inc., which at one time controlled a newspaper empire that operated in Canada, the United States, Britain and elsewhere.

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Home improvement

Shareholder battles for control of Rona's board

A battle for control of home renovation company Rona was formally launched Wednesday after the company's second-largest institutional shareholder said it was seeking to sweep out the existing board and install new directors.

Invesco Canada, which owns about one-tenth of Rona Inc. shares, issued the call for change after the chain reported dismal financial results last week and its long-time chief executive resigned.

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Wal-Mart goes after the ... foodie market?

Mail-order munchies. Pumpkin souffle mix, white cheddar popcorn and dark-chocolate quinoa bars are among items being sent out to customers this month

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. on Wednesday will officially launch a mail subscription service, called Goodies, that lets U.S. shoppers discover new foods from the comfort of their homes.

For a monthly fee of \$7 that includes tax and ship-

ping, customers get a box of five to eight hand-picked, sample-size food items, ranging from organic to ethnic products that are not currently carried on Wal-Mart's shelves. The world's largest retailer began testing the service three months ago and so far has 3,000 subscribers.

Wal-Mart told reporters in late May that its research division — Walmart Labs — was creating a food subscription service, but the company didn't offer many details.

It works like this: users can sign up for the service at goodies.co. The monthly price is almost half of the total value of the items if they were

Subscription services

- Over the past several years, the number of subscription services has grown and includes purveyors of everything from socks and underwear to beauty products.

purchased separately, according to Wal-Mart. If customers like the products, they can purchase full-size versions on the Goodies Co. website. Goodies has also created a social community online where subscribers can post reviews to earn loyalty points. The

points can be redeemed in the future for items in the store.

Ravi Raj, vice-president of products at San Bruno, California-based Walmart Labs said it wanted to start a subscription service for food because it is "inherently very social."

"People love to talk about new food products," Raj said.

Wal-Mart is also looking to use Goodies as a way to spot food trends in its stores. "Wal-Mart is the largest grocer but there's room for us to innovate," Raj said. If the company builds a viable business, that's "super valuable for Wal-Mart," he added.

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Retail. Target hopes for Canadian stores to be LEED certified



Target plans to open its first Canadian stores in spring 2013.

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American super-chain Target says it's going to try to make its new Canadian stores a little more green.

The retailer announced Wednesday it hopes to achieve LEED certification for all its stores, by updating its design plans to include conserving energy and water, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and limiting waste sent to landfills.

"We take our role as good corporate citizen very seriously and we're proud that Target is making a firm commitment to sustainability in Canada," said Tony Fisher, president of Target Canada, in a press release. "Striving for LEED certification at our 124 stores opening in 2013 is important as we seek to use our resources responsibly and maintain the health of our communities."

There are several levels of LEED certification, depending on how energy and waste efficient a building is.

Target Inc. bought most of the Zellers chain from the Hudson Bay Company a few years ago. It plans to open its first Canadian stores in March and April of 2013.

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Raising taxes on richest Americans would avert fiscal cliff, Obama says

U.S. President Barack Obama challenged congressional Republicans Wednesday to let taxes rise on the wealthiest on both economic and political grounds, contending it would instantly ease a looming threat that could throw the country back into recession.

The president's remarks were his first extended public

discussion of the issue that is dominating the post-election session of Congress. Known as "fiscal cliff," it is a convergence of mandatory spending cuts and the expiration of tax cuts that are all scheduled to take effect Jan. 1.

"A modest tax increase on the wealthy is not going to break their backs," Obama said

of the nation's top income earners. "They'll still be wealthy," he said at his first news conference since winning a second term.

At the same time, the president stressed he was amenable to compromise on other approaches from Republicans. "I believe this is solvable," he said during the news conference. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Word on the Street

- Wall Street wasn't encouraged that agreement was becoming more likely. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 185 points on Wednesday.

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Gender equality

European firms need to have more women on boards, commission says

The European Commission wants more women in the boardrooms of large European companies, saying it's a matter not only of fairness but also of good business sense.

Commission Vice-President Viviane Reding says the target is to have women comprise at least 40 per cent of the boards of publicly-traded European companies by 2020, and by 2018 for state-owned companies.

As of 2016, she says, companies where women make up less than 40 per cent will have to choose qualified women to fill vacancies or face penalties. Individual EU countries will set the penalties, possibly including fines or the annulment of the appointment of a male board member.

At present, women make up 15 per cent of the board membership of Europe's largest companies. "This is a waste of talent," Reding said Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In this world of chronic cat-snugglers and billionaire Instagram founders, that

might not seem like a source of shame. But embracing kitties goes against all my instincts; it's as off-putting to me as stroking a tabby in the wrong direction.

I've always said I hate cats. Even my Twitter bio says so, and if you can't trust Twitter (the microblog of record) what can you trust?

But as I age my kitty-rage is abating, purr by purr.

My frosty feelings toward felines have been perfectly valid, of course. It's well documented that cats care more about themselves than us, and I haven't dealt well with that constant level of rejection.

If there was a Lassie/Littlest Hobo-type show called The Wandering Cat, he'd just come across a person trapped in a burning car or a kid stuck down a well every week, then chuckle to himself and move on.

Like most humans, I require more validation than cats can offer. If you ever needed an argument against the religious belief that everything on Earth is here for the benefit of man, look no further than Mr. Cat. We've clearly been put here for him. God is a cat.

And an Old Testament God at that: Make no mistake, kitties are killers. Everything they do — the constant cleaning, the claw maintenance, the yarn-based, paw-hand co-ordination training — all done to make them the most efficient instrument of slaughter possible. I can only assume their instinct to lay on keyboards comes from a long history of sending bird and mice families letters of condolence.

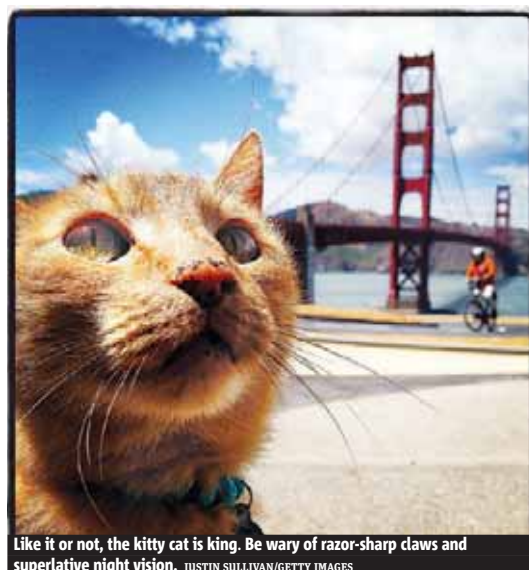
And, fair or not, I've always compared felines to dogs, whose whole purpose on Earth is to a) make clear how incredibly excited they are to know you and b) lick their nether regions with vigour. This probably also had hunting purposes once, but now it's pretty clear the dogs just enjoy crotch cleaning. I can get behind this.

I never gave cats a fair shake, because animal-rights groups say you shouldn't do that. But decades of nuzzles and leg rubs and purrs have reached me, I guess.

I still don't like aggressive cats — Siamese are clearly Satan-Cats — but I don't judge dogs based on pit bulls or humans based on the guy in the bank line picking his nose, so fair's fair.

There was never a Special Moment that put cats in my good books. It just happened, after years of surreptitious scratches behind the ear. It had always irked me that cats want to be in control, but I've decided to let them if it works out in the end.

I've learned to be the bigger pussy. It's what The Wandering Cat has taught me.



Like it or not, the kitty cat is king. Be wary of razor-sharp claws and superlative night vision. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Black eye in the night sky



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Watch the skies

Lights out in Australia

Australia's first total solar eclipse in more than a decade was visible Wednesday. The spectacular event was watched by enthusiastic crowds, with more than 50,000 flocking to Queensland, the site of the best views.

The eclipse cast a 150-kilometre shadow over northern Australia, spreading darkness over the region, lasting over two minutes. **METRO**

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"I was thinking, 'Are we gonna see this?' And

we just had a fantastic display, it was just beautiful."

Terry Cuttle of the Astronomical Association of Queensland Cuttle is the most prominent local eclipse enthusiast. He has witnessed more than 10 of these events.

One more left

This was the third of four eclipses in 2012, down from six in 2011.

- **May 20 – Annular solar eclipse.** The moon partly covered the sun for more than three hours on a path visible from China, Japan and parts of North America.
- **June 4 – Partial lunar eclipse.** Moon partly hidden and turned red by reflected sunlight. The best views were in

Western Canada.

- **Nov. 14 – Total solar eclipse.** Travelled back to Nov. 13 as it finished close to the coast of South America. Lasted up to four minutes.
- **Nov. 28 – Penumbral lunar eclipse.** The last eclipse will see the moon partly hidden by shadow and tinged red. Australia, East Asia and Hawaii will have the best viewing positions.



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Is it too early to deck the halls? Not if you're part of the 25 organizing committees for the Festival of Trees,

which plans its annual tradition year round.

This year's display would have even Clark Griswold impressed. What started with 15 trees back in 1985 has grown to a small forest with over 100 magnificently decorated trees and another 150 festive displays, including a gingerbread village.

In fact, to make sure they are ready for the Nov. 29 - Dec. 2 event, volunteers start decorating holiday trees in March at an offsite warehouse. By the end of November, each tree is carefully wrapped, decorations and all, and shipped over

to the Shaw Conference Centre for the big unveiling.

"For the team who works tirelessly year round and has grown the event tremendously over the years, it's all worth it," festival chair, Lori Martens explains. Each year, the festival raises funds for a different area within the hospital and over the years they have raised nearly \$15 million. Proceeds from the 2012 Festival of Trees supports critical care at the University of Alberta Hospital by providing specialists with access to the latest technology and equipment that will help save lives.

Details

- Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for seniors and youth, and \$2 for children and are available only at the door, which open at 9 a.m. each day.
- For more information, visit festivaloftrees.ab.ca.

Making it all possible are 24 committees with 300 members, some of which start organizing in January, and over 2,000 on-site volunteers.

When it comes to Festival of Trees, it's literally Christmas all year round.

"We have a strong sense of community through our volunteers," says Martens. "I know it's what kept me coming back for more."

Speaking of coming back for more, Martens says they keep the event fresh and exciting each year by creating new themes for the festival. This year's theme is Peppermint Twist. It ties together the numerous events including Family Day, Santa's Breakfast, and even a champagne luncheon and fashion show.

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Hey Jude, it's not so bad — take repression — and make it better

Anna Karenina. Jude Law talks about being cuckolded and playing a man who's never been in touch with his feelings



**NED
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In Joe Wright's imaginative take on *Anna Karenina*, Jude Law turns in a career-best performance as Alexei Karenin, the cuckolded husband of Tolstoy's titular heroine (played by Kiera Knightley). In our exclusive video, Law talks to Metro World News about playing repressed — and how his character is definitely not a wife-beater.

I wanted to first of all talk about how you take on

a character who's so... I wouldn't say "repressed," but...
No, repressed is right (laughs).

You're keeping every emotion inside. Is that frustrating to play?

No, because the frustration when you're playing a part is not feeling that you're getting the right support or information from the director, and Joe [Wright] was really clear, and we talked endlessly in preparation about his repression and his severity and also his almost introspection. He's a man who thought his way through life and didn't feel. Like, he had to thaw his heart in order to understand what it was going through once this affair began and dragged him into the world of feeling, you know? There were strict rules, if you like, that I applied to myself. And when you're given such a bold and visual universe



Anna Karenina opens in theatres November 30. HANDOUT

to play in, such as the one that Joe created for us, that can sometimes be very straightforward. You apply them, you stick to them and you hope that people find something whole and real in it.

Can you give me some examples of those rules?
I liked the idea that he followed only straight lines. Everything stayed together. I tried to almost minimize use of facial expressions. I didn't want him to raise his voice.

So there were scenes of huge emotion and anger, but I think if you listen he never raises his voice once. And there's a stillness to him — apart from the knuckle-cracking, which is his sort of one expression of irritation and frustration.

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That became terrifying by the end of the movie.

Did it? Someone said to me, yeah, yesterday they thought that when I cracked my knuckles I was going to hit her. I was like, this guy is barely alive. He's not about to hit his wife.

Were you actually cracking your knuckles, or was that all Foley?

I was initially. Take four, they weren't making much noise, so a lot of it is Foley.

Well, you have to let them build back up again.
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TwiHards, test your vampire knowledge

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1. For their honeymoon in The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part 1, Edward takes Bella to Isle Esme. What is the real name of the closest Brazilian town where the scenes were filmed?
A) Ilhabela, Ilha de Sao Sebastiao in the Brazilian state of Sao Paulo
B) Paraty, Costa Verde in the Brazilian state of Rio de Janeiro
C) Breves in the Brazilian state of Para
D) Sao Jose de Ribamar, Sao Luis Island in the Brazilian state of Maranhao

2. Carolina Herrera designed Bella's wedding dress for the movie. How many buttons are on the back of the dress from the top to the hemline?
A) 107
B) 235
C) 730
D) 152

3. Who was Stephenie

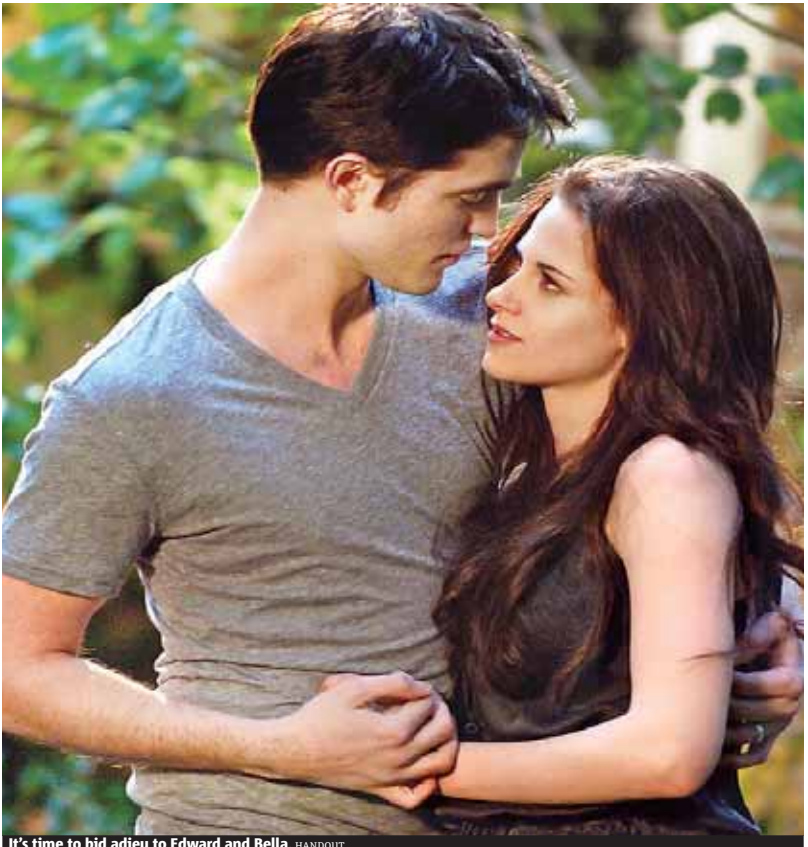
Meyer's first choice to play Edward Cullen?
A) Henry Cavill
B) Ryan Gosling
C) Chase Crawford
D) Zac Efron

4. What is the name of the beer that Charlie drinks in Twilight?
A) Rainier Beer
B) Pike Beer
C) Pyramid Ale
D) Red Hook Pilsner

5. What are the main differences between the Cullen family crest in the film and the Cullen Coat of Arms in real life?
A) There's a lion and no sheaf of wheat on the movie crest.
B) There's a lion and no sword on the movie crest.
C) There's a lion and a lamb on the movie crest.
D) There's a lion and a fleur de lis on the movie crest.

Answers

- 1. B to join the family anytime soon.
- 2. D
- 3. A
- 4. A
- 5. A
- 0 right. You call yourself a fan?
- 1-2 right. You might have intimate vampire knowledge, but don't expect
- 3-4 right. It's time to get out of the movie theatre and into the great outdoors. You're starting to sparkle in the sun.
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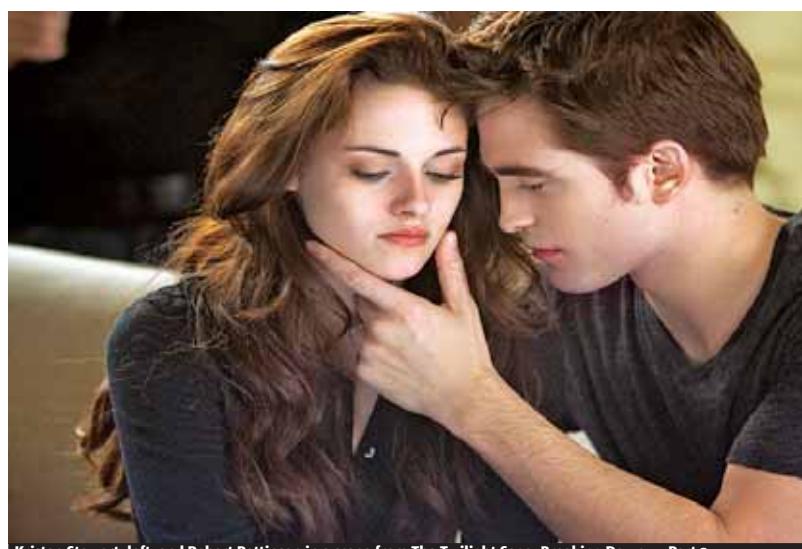
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Kristen Stewart, left, and Robert Pattinson in a scene from *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2*. HANDOUT

Dealing with the big pressure of young fame

Twilight. With the release of the final film, the stars look back on how the personal costs of fame have affected them

Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson sit side by side on a sofa at the Four Seasons hotel, discussing the end of the five-film project that made them famous and brought them together.

Twilight rocketed both to superstardom, and their real-life romance only propelled them further. With Friday's release of the final film in the franchise, *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2*, the young actors bid farewell to the worldwide fantasy sensation, but not to the tabloid attention they garner wherever they go.

Dedicated Twi-Hards were devastated when Stewart admitted in July to cheating on Pattinson in a "momentary indiscretion" with her married Snow White and the Huntsman director. Bella and Edward, er, Stewart and Pattinson briefly split, which not only threatened to jeopardize marketing for the final Twilight film, but unraveled the real-life element of the vampire love story.

Now reunited, the pair finish each other's sentences during a recent interview as they talk about how much their lives have changed since the first Twilight movie was released in 2008.

"After the first one, I mean, it's a different world you're living in," says Pattinson, 26.



Taylor Lautner, left, Kristen Stewart, Stephenie Meyer, and Robert Pattinson get to go back to a normal life. MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"Your world gets smaller. There's a massive contraction."

Robert Pattinson
Talking about the price of fame.

"Also, we're at that stage of life when things are shifting anyway," adds Stewart, 22, who was just 17 when she first played Bella Swan.

Global fame makes growing up challenging, they say, acknowledging they've become more insular.

"It's a really weird thing because you kind of have to hide," Pattinson says, "and hiding really destroys the thing which, for one thing..."

Stewart interjects: "That fuels you as an actor."

"Yeah. It destroys your fuel," he continues, "and also it destroys — you get to the point where you start to lose interest in things because you spend so much time..."

"Guarding," Stewart says.
"Yeah, and that's your

world," Pattinson says. "Your world gets smaller. There's a massive contraction. And the weirdest thing is the more you contract it, the more the (public) interest goes up. It's so crazy. There's no way around it. You're either on a 24-7 reality-TV show, or people think you should be."

"No, it's hilarious," Stewart says, not looking like she finds it very funny. "Either way, people are like, 'Ugh. Famewhores.'"

But she has wanted every Twilight film to be successful and knows it's not popular to complain about the personal costs of fame.

Director Bill Condon, who began working with Stewart, Pattinson and Taylor Lautner in 2010, says the young megastars understand the pressures of the spotlight.

"They appreciated the good stuff about it, they were able to kind of glide through the stuff that wasn't so good, and, really, they're three very grounded human beings who really just, I have to say, matured into better versions of themselves," Condon said.

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Flurry of anniversary activity for Stones

New products. The Rolling Stones won't rule anything out as they kick off a number of releases surrounding key date

The official line is "we'll see." But the Rolling Stones seem in such fighting trim, clear-eyed and focused, that it's hard to believe there's not more cooking beyond the current flurry of activity surrounding the band's 50th anniversary.

The archetypal rock 'n' roll band is booked for five concerts in London and the New York area over the next month, the last one a Pay Per View event. The Stones on Tuesday released yet another hits compilation with two new songs and HBO is premiering a documentary on their formative years, *Crossfire Hurricane*, on Thursday. "Without saying yes or nay," Keith Richards said in an interview this week, "once this starts rolling, I can't see it stopping. The band feels good about themselves, they still feel they've got something to offer. Obviously there are a lot of people out there who agree. We'll go along with it."

Fifty years is hard to fathom ("It's impossible," Keith cackles, "I'm only 38").

The Rolling Stones have been through death, defections and addictions, through

classic discs like *Exile on Main Street* and *Some Girls* and forgettable ones, and are still operating with Richards, Mick Jagger and Charlie Watts. Ron Wood, the new guy, joined in 1975.

"I thought it would be kind of churlish not to do something," Jagger said. "Otherwise, the BBC would have done a rather dull film about the Rolling Stones."

Fifty days was a better yardstick when Watts first set up his drum kit.

"It was quite normal for a band to last a month," he said.

The Stones formed in London in 1962 to play Chicago blues, led at the time by the late Brian Jones and pianist Ian Stewart, with boyhood friends Jagger and Richards. Bassist Bill Wyman and Watts were quick additions.

Anniversaries usually aren't big on the band's agenda, but Richards said the Rolling Stones felt external pressure to mark this one.

"This band is famous for not obeying the rules and bowing to pressure or anything," Richards said. "But over the course of the year we felt more and more aware that there are folks out there counting on us. You can't let them down. At the same time, you realize that the folks are right. Playing together over the last five months you realize that there's this thing out of your life that's been missing."

They spent several weeks



The Stones won't rule anything out as they keep on rolling. HANDOUT

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in Paris rehearsing five hours a day for their concerts, in-

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and theatre. To mark the occasion, the band has dug back into its catalogue for songs like *I Wanna Be Your Man* and *The Last Time*, although Richards held the line at resurrecting their first single, the Chuck Berry cover *Come On*.

Jagger didn't want the band to take on too much, "but I thought it was important to do some sort of a show, even if it was just a club gig."

The band's periodic sabbaticals sometimes stretch so long that Rolling Stones fans can't help but wonder whether it's all over now. The most recent time out lasted five years. If anyone threatened to make it permanent it was Richards, always the most protective and romantic about the band, because of his bestselling autobiography that took some shots at his songwriting partner Jagger.

Quote

"Anybody who thinks that doesn't know the band."

Keith Richards
Talking about the Rolling Stones dark sense of humour

Richards dismissed the idea that it created a barrier.

"Anybody who thinks that doesn't know the band," he said. "This band's sense of humour is basically built upon insulting each other. I'm not saying there wasn't an issue here and there, but it's really water off a duck's back... You cannot offend a really good friend. I happened to put it in print and everybody else was saying, 'Oh, my God.' I thought it was fairly mild."

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Country's Clark walks the line on new album

She hearts Reba. Singer says covering dearly beloved songs on her new album *Classics* was a balancing act

Growing up in Medicine Hat, Alta., as a Prairie teen with Nashville dreams, Terri Clark focused much of her admiration on one country-music idol: Reba McEntire.

Clark was quite literally a member of McEntire's fan club, obsessing over the flame-haired starlet's country catalogue while nurturing her own musical ambition. Heck, when she thinks back on her favourite Christmas gifts, one of three that comes to mind is the McEntire T-shirt her mother tucked under the tree one year — the others being her first guitar and a live album by Barbara Mandrell.



Terri Clark is the only Canadian female member of the Grand Ole Opry, the historic venue that doubles as an exclusive, de facto country hall of fame in Nashville, Tenn. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clark still has that T-shirt — though it's worn to the point that it looks "as thin as a piece of toilet paper" and it had the midriff sliced off after Clark got "the Shania Twain" idea a few years back.

And she actually had

the opportunity to offer the shrivelled memorabilia up in person to McEntire when the country legend came around to record a new version of her 1984 smash *How Blue* for Clark's new covers collection, *Classic*, which hit stores

this week.

"Most people would've made (that shirt) into a cleaning rag — I looked at Reba and I said, 'You want it?' And she said, 'No thank you,'" laughed Clark.

"Yeah, I was crazy about Reba McEntire and still

Keep it together

"I felt like my grandparents and my mom were in the room for a lot of it ... It's a labour of love and it's a testament and tribute to my roots and family."

Terri Clark, on using samples of her grandparents' voices on her new disc

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Clark's project carried other opportunities for similar instances of wish fulfillment.

The 44-year-old Clark collaborated with Tanya Tucker (interpreting the star's own iconic 1972 hit *Delta Dawn*), Dierks Bentley (on George Jones & Tammy Wynette's *Golden Ring*), Jann Arden (for Patsy Cline's *Leavin' On Your Mind*) and Dean Brody (Hank Snow's *I'm Movin' On*).

Clark knew that she had a slim margin for error

with songs so well-loved — especially considering she was, in the case of McEntire and Tucker, collaborating with the very people who made those songs famous.

"That's a fine line to walk because you don't want to piss off the people who loved the original — 'What did she do? You've ruined my favourite song!' — but I haven't heard that from one person, and there's a lot of people on social media who are very honest," she said, laughing.

A collection of covers might seem less personal than original material, but Clark's roots with these songs run deep. The first voice to crackle through the speakers belongs to her grandmother (who, along with Clark's grandfather, opened shows for Jones and Johnny Cash on the Montreale club circuit), and the influence of her supportive mother, who died in 2010.

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Elmo fans unaware of puppeteer's sex scandal

Troubled times.

As Kevin Clash's accuser withdraws his allegations and the man behind Elmo comes out as gay, young audiences only care about muppet

First, Big Bird became an unwitting player in a presidential debate that argued for clipping his wings.

Then came word that the actor who plays Elmo would take a leave of absence amid an allegation that he had had a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old-boy — an accusation that was withdrawn the next day.

The happy band of muppets on Sesame Street has faced the sort of hot spotlight you might expect for the rowdies of Jersey Shore. Too often, it seems, the show has confronted hair-pin detours through the mean streets of politics and scandal.

But the show's producers can take solace in one simple fact: Their target audience remains blissfully unaware that, even on Sesame Street, everything's not always A-OK. And despite the innate curiosity of children, there are many questions not being asked this week by Elmo's most devoted fans.

For instance, kids won't be asking this question, even as their elders raise it: "What made someone accuse Elmo puppeteer Kevin Clash of having sex with him when he was under-age, then recant his accusation a day later?"



Puppeteer Kevin Clash, who plays Elmo, was accused by a man of having sexual relations with him when he was a teen. Clash vehemently denied the allegations and the man retracted them the next day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not for kids

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Sesame Street is working on finding a successor for Clash, just as they have found a Big Bird understudy for 78-year-old Carol Spinney. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Twitteratti

To judge from Twitter, Elmo was still on many people's minds on Wednesday.

- **Ha!** Posted comments included lots of wisecracks, including jokes tying Elmo to the current real-life scandal of Gen. David Petraeus.
- **Phew!** Others expressed relief

that Clash had been cleared.

- **Elmo!** Kids, of course, didn't care or even notice. They love Elmo now the same as ever, this character they know as a fellow child and kindred spirit. And all the better that he's fuzzy and red.

Elmo's youngest devotees would instead more likely wonder, "Who is Kevin Clash?" By now, every

grown-up who didn't know his name is acquainted with Clash's longtime role in voicing and animating

Elmo. And after the tide of media coverage earlier this week, he is recognized as a 52-year-old man who, for the first time, publicly acknowledged he is gay. Clash also swiftly denied that his accuser was under-age when they had their relationship. Sesame Workshop, which produces Sesame Street, said its own investigation bore out his claim that the relationship had been between consenting adults.

Clash had gone on voluntary leave from the show when, Tuesday afternoon, the former lover, now in his 20s, withdrew his charge.

Neither Sesame Workshop nor Clash has said when he might return to the show. But presumably he could be back soon, with his young fans none the wiser.

Until then, their charming fantasy can be preserved that Elmo isn't really a puppet but a living, breathing little red monster. That's because in recent months Sesame Workshop, with Clash's participation, has been working to identify a backup puppeteer for Elmo. Just as a successor is being sought for Jerry Nelson, who died in August after decades as the man behind Count von Count. Just as an understudy sometimes climbs into the feathered suit of 78-year-old Carol Spinney, who has played Big Bird for

Gay rights

Can the voice of Elmo continue now that the world knows he's gay?

Now here's one more question kids won't bother to ask: "Can Kevin Clash continue to star as a muppet three-year-old now that the world knows he is gay?"

The only reasonable answer to this non-question would be, why not? Sesame Street is a tolerant place, as are, increasingly, the real-life streets this show prepares its young audience for.

Muppets have even been drawn into the gay rights movement. Remember, an online petition not long ago called for the marriage of muppet flat-mates Bert and Ernie.

These chums' sexuality had long been debated by grown-ups with too much time on their hands when, last summer, matrimony was promoted as a way to make gay and lesbian kids who watch the show feel better about themselves. (The marriage could happen, its advocates reasoned, since Sesame Street is theoretically in New York, where gay marriage had just become legal.)

The spirited chatter spurred Sesame Workshop to issue a statement declaring that Bert and Ernie are just good friends created to teach preschoolers that people can be friends with — or, at least, accept — those different from themselves. And oh, by the way (the statement added), Bert and Ernie "remain puppets, and do not have a sexual orientation."

They continue to be puppets and good friends today.

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more than 40 years.

And just as all the creations of Jim Henson survived his sudden and untimely death nearly a quarter-century ago.

As fleeing as childhood is — that's how enduring muppet heroes aim to be. Despite the personal artistry involved, a muppet character is meant to transcend the human factor. Or, as the Sesame Workshop statement noted on Monday, "Elmo is bigger than any one person."

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Donald Trump. ALL GETTY IMAGES

Donald Trump continues to address the big issues

Offering his thoughts on the presidential election — and how the U.S. is in need of a “revolution” — isn’t apparently enough for Donald Trump, who’s now using his Twitter account to weigh in on other weighty matters. For instance, when it comes to *Twilight* co-stars Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart and their recent reconciliation, Trump apparently has little faith in Stewart’s fidelity.

“After
Fri-

day’s *Twilight* release, I hope Robert Pattinson will not be seen in public with Kristen,” Trump wrote. “She will cheat on him again!”

The tweet immediately drew the ire of the *Twilight* fan base, so Trump next took his case directly to Pattinson, with a tweet.

“Robert, I’m getting a lot of heat for saying you should dump Kristen — but I’m right.”

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Elmo puppeteer cleared of accusations

The 23-year-old man who claimed he was only 16 when he had a sexual relationship with Elmo puppeteer Kevin Clash has recanted his claim, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

The unidentified accuser “wants it to be known that his sexual relationship with Mr. Clash was an adult consensual relationship,” a statement from his attorney

reads.

Clash had taken a leave of absence from Sesame Street when the allegations made headlines earlier this week.

“I am relieved that this painful allegation has been put to rest,” Clash says in a statement. “I will not discuss it further.”

The same goes for Sesame Workshop, the company behind the long-running children’s show.

“We are pleased that this matter has been brought to a close. We are happy that Kevin can move on from this unfortunate episode,” the company’s statement reads.

Twitter



@TheEllenShow

The guys from @OneDirection told me what they’re looking for in a girlfriend. I had 5,000 applicants ready.



@ChristianSlate4

I’m just quietly living my life. Watching the roomba suck up all the cat hair.



@oliviawilde

Note: don’t over-indulge at the Meatball Shop just so you can ask the waiter how he likes his balls eaten.



@ConanOBrien

Fall is in the air. No wait, that’s car exhaust. Still, it’s a more autumnal-smelling car exhaust.



Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

Pitt and Jolie shut down restaurant for their kids

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie know how to show their kids a good time when they visit Pitt’s parents and it involves letting them run wild at local restaurant Arri’s Pizza, according to *Us Weekly*.

The place shuts

down for the entire night and the kids raise a ruckus. They jump on tables and even throw food at each other,” a source says, adding that Pitt and Jolie like to leave the nannies at home and “let the kids enjoy themselves” for the evening. “Brad and Angelina just sit there and talk to one another while the children run around in circles.”

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Left to right: A wine-soaked pout from Chanel's new holiday campaign, Rihanna's must-copy dramatic lip at Victoria's Secret and burgundy looks nailed by Naomie Harris and Sara Blomqvist.



Burgundy boom

Beauty. Shades of Merlot and oxblood are a runway-endorsed beauty trend. But it was Rihanna's recent performance at the Victoria's Secret show that has us really craving a dark lip.

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Choose the shade to best flatter your skin tone

This bit of advice will keep you from looking like a washed out Goth. "If you have very light

skin, avoid a dark burgundy. It's too heavy on the face," says makeup guru Tanya Burr, who is most known for her YouTube tutorials on how to re-create celebrity looks.

"People with olive complexions can pull off darker shades because it won't be such a shock against the skin. And for dark skin, vibrant shades of burgundy, such as MAC's lipstick in Rebel, are most flattering," she adds.

Avoid textures that are too matte or too glossy

It's not just the shade of burgundy you need to get right, but the texture. "Completely matte, dark lipsticks look too heavy," Burr says. "And ones that are too glossy are really hard to work with because they

end up all over your teeth." Go for a satin, creamy finish for the best results.

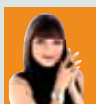
Balance a heavy lip with a subtle, smoky eye

Balance is the operative word here. "Because burgundy lips are so heavy, you don't want to go full-on, applying lots of dark eye makeup," Burr says. "On the other hand, I wouldn't wear a naked eye either because otherwise the eyes and the lips will be really unbalanced. Don't think, 'I'll just put on mascara.' You'll have no definition on the eyes and be all lip," she adds. Instead, she recommends trying a subtle, soft brown smoky eye as a way to round out the drama of the lip.

Shades of red

<p>Chanel Rouge Allure Luminous Intense Lip Colour in 108 Déterminée \$34, chanel.com</p>	<p>Revlon Super Lustrous Lipstick in Black Cherry, \$8, revlon.com</p>	<p>MAC Lipstick in Rebel, \$15, maccosmetics.com</p>

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3 LIFE

Upgrade your panini sandwich with unique Roasted Beet Bread

Roasted Beet Bread



This recipe makes two loaves. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

Night Before

1. In a large bowl, combine these ingredients and mix with a wooden spoon. Cover with plastic wrap and let sit on the counter for 12 to 16 hours.

Day Of

1. To “night before” mixture, add pureed beets and any juice, whole-wheat flour and instant yeast. Mix with a wooden spoon till smooth. Let sit, uncovered, for 10 minutes. Add thyme and salt, mix until smooth.

2. Start to add bread flour. Once it becomes too hard to mix in the bowl, turn dough onto a flat surface and knead for 10 minutes. This will be a sticky dough, so be careful not to add too much flour. Add just enough to prevent dough from really sticking to your fingers when kneading.

3. Add a little olive oil to a clean large bowl and turn dough in bowl and turn over a few times to very

lightly coat all sides of the dough with oil. Cover with plastic wrap. Let dough rise for 1 1/2 hours or till double in bulk. Turn onto a flat surface. Cut dough in half and mould each half into desired shape.

4. Place shaped dough on a piece of parchment paper sprinkled with cornmeal. Spray tops with a little oil spray and cover with plastic wrap for 1 hour or till double in bulk.

5. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F) and place baking stone on centre rack. Place a cast-iron skillet (filled with lava rocks if you have them) on oven floor or on lowest rack. When loaves have doubled, sprinkle with a little whole-wheat flour and slash an X on top of each.

6. Place in hot oven directly on baking stone. Pour about 250 ml (1 cup) boiling water into hot skillet and close oven door.

7. Bake for 30 to 35 min-

Ingredients

Night before

- 250 ml (1 cup) bread flour
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) instant yeast
- 250 ml (1 cup) lukewarm water

Day of

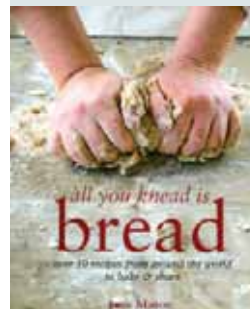
- 250 ml (1 cup) pureed roasted beets plus any juice
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) stone-ground whole-wheat flour, plus extra for sprinkling
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) instant yeast
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh thyme
- 8 ml (1 3/4 tsp) salt
- 675 ml (2 3/4 cups) bread flour (approx)
- Olive oil
- Cornmeal

utes or until loaves sound hollow when tapped on bottom. (Or stick a meat thermometer into the centre of loaves; when it reads 82 C/180 F they're ready.)

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Cookbook of the Week

Everything you knead to know



Jane Mason's All You Knead is Bread aims to inspire readers to start baking by explaining techniques, demystifying the process with step-by-step photos and presenting a huge variety of breads.

Among the 50 recipes in the book are flavours from all over the world that will go with every meal and can be served as snacks and desserts as well.

Spanning wheat and the myriad of other grains used from country to country, All You Knead is Bread features breads such as pita, soda bread, cinnamon buns, cheese rolls, rye bread and more. METRO

Spinach and feta flavours

Night Before

1. In a large bowl, combine these ingredients and beat until well combined. Cover with plastic wrap and let sit for 12 to 16 hours.

Day Of

1. In a saucepan, place 15 ml (1 tbsp) oil and set on stove to warm. Add spinach and sauté till cooked, stirring continuously so spinach doesn't brown. Sauté 2 mins., place on paper towels. Use hands to press down on spinach to squeeze out liquid and set aside.

Ingredients

Night before

- 175 ml (3/4 cup) bread flour
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) lukewarm water

- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) instant yeast

Day of:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) oil
- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped fresh spinach
- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) lukewarm water

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) dark rye flour

- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) whole-wheat flour, plus extra for sprinkling

- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) instant yeast

- 500 ml (2 cups) bread flour
- 250 ml (1 cup) feta cheese

- Cornmeal



This recipe makes two loaves. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

2. Combine “night before” mix with lukewarm water. Mix with wooden spoon. Add rye and whole-wheat flours and mix till smooth. Add salt and instant yeast and stir until well blended. Let mix sit, uncovered, 10 mins.

3. Add bread flour, about 125 ml (1/2 cup) at a time, until mixture becomes too hard to mix. Turn dough onto a floured surface and knead in remaining flour. Use just enough flour to make dough slightly sticky. Knead dough 10 mins. Let dough rest for about 5 mins. Flatten dough a little and knead in cooked spinach and feta cheese until

incorporated. (Don't worry if spinach is clumped together; it will break up during kneading.)

4. Put a little oil in a clean, large bowl. Place dough in bowl and turn over till lightly coated on all sides. Cover with plastic wrap and let rest for 2 hours or till double in bulk.

5. Turn dough out onto a flat surface and cut in half. Shape into 2 round loaves and place on cornmeal-covered piece of parchment paper. Sprinkle top of dough with little whole-wheat flour. Cover loaves with plastic wrap and let rest for 1 hour.

6. About 45 mins. before baking, place a baking stone in oven and a cast-iron skillet on the floor of the oven or on lowest rack. (If using baking sheet rather than baking stone, do not place baking sheet into oven beforehand.) Heat oven to 220 C (425 F). Score tops of loaves and place in oven. Pour 250 ml (1 cup) boiling water into hot cast-iron skillet; close oven door.

7. Bake 35 mins. or till loaves sound hollow when tapped on bottom.

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Gluten-Free Banana Bread



This recipe makes one loaf. ISTOCK

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Lightly spray or grease a 23-by-12-cm (9-by-5-inch) loaf pan.

2. In a bowl, combine bean flour, cornstarch, tapioca flour, xanthan gum, baking soda, cream of tartar, salt and cinnamon. Mix together with a wire whisk.

3. In a separate large bowl, combine butter and brown

sugar; slowly add egg substitute and beat until fluffy. Add vanilla and mashed banana. Mix well.

4. Add flour mixture and stir till smooth. Pour into prepared loaf pan and bake for 50 to 55 minutes. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes before removing and let cool on a wire rack.

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Ingredients

- 150 ml (2/3 cup) bean flour (light or dark)
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) cornstarch
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) tapioca flour
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) xanthan gum
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) baking soda
- 6 ml (1 1/4 tsp) cream of tartar

- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) cinnamon
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) soft butter
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) brown sugar
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) egg substitute
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla
- 250 ml (1 cup) mashed ripe banana

Need a chandelier? Here are the rules

I would like to hang a chandelier in my 13-by-16-foot dining room. I have 12-foot ceilings and am wondering what style would be best and how high to hang it.
-Emily, Calgary



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A chandelier should look like it belongs to the style of your house, not just like it blends with a trendy decor scheme.

Style?

Consider the architectural style of your home — is it modern or traditional? For instance, a boxy modern condo or an arts and crafts style home would have a streamlined chandelier, whereas a cottage-inspired or Victorian home would have a traditional-style fixture.

I like to think of the chandelier in the same category as the style of door knobs and hardware that

are chosen for the house. If you were to move, those items would be left with the house.

How high?

The height your chandelier is hung relates to the table it is hung over, not the height of the ceiling.

The bottom of the chandelier should be hung 30-40 inches from the top of the table; hang it 30 inches if you have regular eight foot ceilings and up to 40 inches above the table if you have extra high ceilings. For 12 foot ceilings (as in your home) the bottom of the chandelier should be about 36-38 inches above the table.

Size?

For rooms with really high ceilings, consider buying a tall-shaped chandelier to help fill up some of the extra height.

In a low-ceiling area, choose a horizontal shape to suit the low space. The diameter of the chandelier should relate to the size of the room — for each foot of the room's width, the chandelier gets two inches of

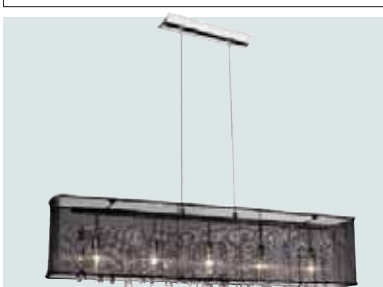
Designer ideas

- Adding a decorative moulding medallion to the ceiling will add some visual interest up high. Paint the medallion a similar colour to the chandelier's chain (usually gold, silver or bronze).
- A dimmer switch will allow you to create an intimate setting when dining.
- Choose energy-efficient chandelier bulbs to save moving the table to change the bulbs each year.
- The finish of your chandelier should match the other hardware items like door handles, hinges and light switches in the room.

diameter. For instance, your dining room is 13 feet wide, therefore a 26 inch diameter (13-by-two feet) would be perfect.



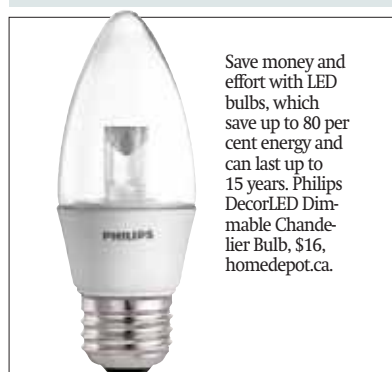
Choose a chandelier that suits the architectural style of your home. 1920's Odeon Glass Fringe Chandelier, \$3,000, restorationhardware.com.



A long and low chandelier suits a dining space with lower ceilings. Crystal Pendant with Organza Shade, \$800, sears.ca.



A tall-shaped chandelier will help fill up a dining space that has tall ceilings. Winston Chandelier, \$430, crateandbarrel.com.



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GMOs: The history behind genetically modified foods

What is GMO?

-Cory of Thunder Bay, Ont.
GMOs — or genetically modified organisms — are plants or animals modified through the gene-splicing techniques



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of biotechnology. In conversation, GMOs and GE foods refer to the same thing. They are foods created by merging DNA from different species.

The first commercially available GMO crop (the Flavr Savr tomato) was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 1994.

Since then, GE varieties of corn, soya, sugar beets and canola have become common in Canada. In addition to locally produced crops, GE varieties of cottonseed oil, papaya, squash and milk products are imported from the U.S. into Canada.

In a mere 20 years, GMO ingredients have made their way into most of the processed foods available on Canadian grocery shelves. Apples, potatoes and wheat are all in the lineup for approval.



In Canada, we do not require GMO labelling. iStock

When first introduced, GMO crops were touted as the answer to world hunger. The argument was that by developing pesticide-and-herbicide-resistant crops, farmers would be able to increase their yields and decrease their costs.

This has not proven to be the case. Instead, bugs and weeds have become increasingly resistant to the widespread applications of these chemicals, leading to

increased use of both. More spraying means more costs for farmers, more damage to the environment and more health concerns.

On the flip side, it means more product purchased from the seed producer. The companies that develop and patent GMO seeds are the same companies that develop and patent pesticides and herbicides to which the unique seeds are resistant.

Monsanto is the largest

seed company in the world and owns about 86 per cent of GMO seeds sown globally. It is also the company that produces the herbicide Roundup.

The safety of GMO foods is unproven and a growing body of research connects these foods with health concerns and environmental damage.

For this reason, most developed nations have policies requiring mandatory labelling of GMO foods at the very least, and some have issued bans on GMO food production and imports.

In Canada, we do not require GMO labelling. Canadians are often unaware that the foods they choose contain GMO ingredients. This right to choice is behind the growing movement to have GMO foods labelled.

While environmental and food advocates lobby for labelling, other groups, like the Non-GMO Project, have created voluntary non-GMO certification to promote better consumer information.

Have questions for the Queen of Green? Write to tpaglaro@davidssuzuki.org or tweet @DavidssuzukiQoG



Cleaning

Fireplace a little dirty? Call a pro

Is cleaning my fireplace something I can do on my own or do I need a professional?



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You absolutely need a professional.

A professional chimney cleaner not only cleans the fireplace, but also, more importantly, inspects the

mortar between the bricks, ensures that the flue is working properly and checks that the exhaust is clear of any debris and animals. The professional will also ensure the chimney cap is in good order and that the fireplace draw is sufficient for a safe fire.

These are important things to check and should not be thought of as a waste of money. Chimney fires are caused by creosote on the inner surfaces of the chimney. The entire house can burn down if this is not maintained properly.

Enjoy your fireplace, but remember to maintain it and be safe.



Cleaning your fireplace is no DIY project. iStock

FORD TOUGH

PICKUP TRUCKS HAVE NOW BECOME FASHION STATEMENTS

Trucks were once rolling toolboxes that you filled to the brim with shovels and bricks. Honestly, the idea of filling a new F-150 with bricks, or scuffing up the box in any way, makes us a little queasy, even if that's sort of the point of a pickup.

Many are pampered playthings that can cost more than a Lexus. The simple fact is that all of the domestic pickups are great trucks, so the automakers need to appeal to your sense of style.

For 2013, Ford is betting that a sharper-looking F-150 and reintroducing the full-lux Limited trim will bring even more customers through the door. All models get new trim-specific front grilles, bumpers and wheel designs, but the Limited sure is a head-turner. Available only as a SuperCrew four-door cab, the body-colour mouldings, brightwork and 22-inch wheels are set off by segment-first high-intensity-discharge headlights.

The interior is highlighted by heated and cooled red and black leather seats, aluminum trim and piano black accents that complement the new MyFord Touch screen on the dash. Limiteds are exclusively powered by the popular 3.5-litre "EcoBoost" twin-turbo V6 with 365 horsepower. Those wanting traditional V8 power are spoiled, with 5.0-litre or 6.2-litre options readily available in most other trims. In fact, the 411-horsepower, 6.2-litre V8 is standard on the F-150 SVT Raptor 4x4, which is inspired by Ford's participation in off-road desert racing.

Standard gear includes special shock

absorbers that stiffen as they compress to keep the truck from bottoming out or becoming too tippy while cornering. That's a good idea, since there's nearly 30 centimetres more of suspension travel in front and about 34 in back. The giant

35-inch-tall all-terrain rubber has been mounted to 17-inch wheels that are positioned farther outboard from the fenders to a point where the Raptor's width has been increased by more than seven inches compared to a standard F-150.

What, not big enough or tough enough? Not content with having the most powerful and probably the most capable heavy-duty pickup around, for

2013 Ford is aiming its Super Duty trucks toward the higher end of the market (told ya). A fully loaded GMC Sierra HD 3500 with the ubiquitous Denali package starts well north of \$60,000 and climbs higher very quickly. Ford's reply is adding a Platinum trim to the SD line with unique styling, different 20-inch wheels, chrome slathered everywhere, while the inside features wood trim and high-grain leather cover nearly every surface.

Niceties include standard power-adjustable pedals, a rear-view camera, remote start and power telescoping mirrors.

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If fuel economy, or lack thereof, killed the mid-sized Dakota, the Ram Boys aren't about to let that happen to the Ram 1500.

Its one big weak spot, fuel consumption, has been rectified for 2013 with Chrysler's ever-popular 3.6-litre V6 that bumps the ancient 3.7-litre V6 out of the engine bay. Horsepower climbs 42 per cent to 305 from 215 and fuel performance similarly improves to 11.4 l/100 km city and 7.8 highway, compared to 15.0/10.0. That's a huge difference.

The Ram also gets a new eight-speed automatic transmission that will also be attached to the 395-horsepower, 5.7-litre "Hemi" V8. This engine shut down four of its eight cylinders when not needed, such as at under light-load conditions or when headed downhill. A dash-mounted rotary shifter replaces the traditional column and console shifter. Returning is the 4.7-litre V8 rated at 310 horsepower. It's linked to a six-speed automatic.

For 2013, Rams get further fuel-

reduction assistance including stop-start technology that turns off the engine at rest, then instantly fires it up again once the brake pedal is released. Electric power steering cuts parasitic power losses. Subtle aerodynamic body improvements and active grille shutters help, too. Optional is an air suspension with load levelling and five height settings, one of which drops the body at highway speeds by 1.5 centimetres to cut the wind a bit better. Finally, a new thermal manage-

ment system is designed to quickly get the Ram's crankcase oil and other fluids up to operational temperatures, which assists in conserving gas.

The Ram 2500 and 3500 series pickups have upped the stakes with the optional Cummins turbo-diesel that's available in bad, badder and baddest grades for 2013. The tamest of the 6.7-litre inline six-cylinder powerplants is rated at 350 horsepower and 660 pound-feet of torque, while the intermediate version pushes those numbers up to 370 horsepower and 800 pound-feet. For maximum thrust and grunt, the 385-horse unit lays down a mind-numbing 850 pound-feet of torque.

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The Santa Fe wagon is available in five- and seven-passenger sizes. The shorter-wheelbase five-passenger Santa Fe Sport arrives first, followed by the longer (by 22 centimetres) seven-passenger Santa Fe in early calendar 2013. The bigger Santa Fe is heavier than the Sport by more than 150 kilograms, which explains why it's only available with a 290-horsepower, 3.3-litre V6 that replaces the previously optional 274-horsepower, 3.5-litre V6.

Conversely, the Sport comes with a base 190-horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder, or optional 264-horsepower



Hyundai Santa Fe

2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder. In all cases the only transmission is a six-speed automatic with manual shift controls.

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GMC Terrain Denali

BLENDING LUXURY, UTILITY

The GMC brand is a bit at odds with itself in that it blends a measure of luxury and prestige (softness) along with ruggedness. How/why it's perceived as being more of workhorse than Chevrolet, yet more Friday-night urban is a bit of a mystery.

Take the Terrain, which is GMC's entry-level small sport-utility vehicle. The GMC badge automatically gave it credibility as a more rugged piece than the equivalent Chevrolet Equinox, while also providing a more upscale experience. Proof? The ultra-luxurious Denali sub-brand is now available on its smallest

vehicle. More chrome on the broad grille and exhaust pipes, satin touches, unique lights, and body-coloured fascias and rocker mouldings highlight the exterior, while softer leather on the seats, doors, and steering wheel, along with "smoked" mahogany inserts differentiate the cabin from lesser trims.

However, unlike other Denali models, the Terrain version can be had with either the standard 182-horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder or the new 301-horsepower, 3.6-litre V6. Despite the latter's big bump in power and torque, it has the

identical 12.4/8.1 l/100 km rating as the older 3.0-litre unit. All Terrains get six-speed automatic transmissions and both engines can be had with front- or optional all-wheel-drive. Towing capacity for the four-cylinder is 680 kilograms, while the V6 is rated for 1,500.

Sierra HD trucks wearing the Denali badge as well as the rest of the Sierra HD lineup in regular-, extended- and crew cab styles can be had with a 360-horsepower, 6.0-litre V8 or the 6.6-litre turbo-diesel (preferred by the vast majority of Sierra HD purchasers) that kicks out 397 horsepower and 765 pound-feet torque. Both engines are mated to six-speed automatic transmissions.

To keep the popular eight-passenger Acadia from falling behind the German and Japanese competition, and in response to new homegrown rivals such as the Ford Explorer and Dodge Durango, GMC has given its big wagon a dose of attitude. The squared-off front end takes inspiration from the smaller Terrain and uses neat LED accent lighting in the new headlight clusters. New LED taillights, wraparound glass and a spoiler freshen up the rear end.

The interior gets nicer plastics and leathers, highlighted by a new colour touch-screen with optional navigation. All Acadias come with either seven or eight seats and lots of room behind the third row for cargo. — wheelbasemedia.com



GMC Acadia Denali



GMC Yukon Denali



GMC Yukon



GMC Sierra



GMC Acadia

BASE PRICES (INCL. DESTINATION)

ACADIA: MID-SIZE SUV; \$40,100

SIERRA: FULL-SIZE PICKUP; \$28,250

SIERRA HD: FULL-SIZE PICKUP; \$37,600

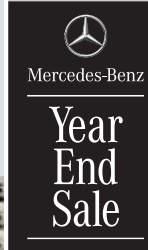
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TOYOTA'S TOUGHNESS

Since the 1990s, Toyota has been expanding its sport utility vehicle line as well as its trucks to match North American tastes. Even though the economy and unstable gas prices have pushed buyers — and automakers — into more thrifty conveyances, Toyota still has most or all of its heavy hitters while other automakers have been clear-cutting their lineups.

That's not to say that Toyota isn't working on its car line as there's a new Avalon and Prius c. For the 2013 model year, only Ford has spent time on its full-size pickup, the F-150, while GM is preparing a new Silverado/Sierra duo for 2013.

There seems to be a bit of a wait-and-see attitude as most of Toyota's truck inventory carries forward into the 2013 model year with little in the way of significant change. With rivals taking their toys and going home, the Tacoma remains just about the only real option left if you aren't interested in a full-size pickup truck, but still need decent utility.

Toyota unleashed a trickle of updates for 2012, including a very subtle reshaped grille and headlights, and new exterior mirrors. Under the long hood rests either a base 159-horsepower, four-cylinder that could use an upgrade, or if towing/hauling is more of a concern, the Tacoma turns up the wick to the tune of 236 horsepower via the optional 4.0-litre V6.

Despite finding only a fraction of new homes compared with the domestic automakers, the full-size Tundra pickup remains a strong contender. The base 4.0-litre V6 produces a stout 270 horses, although its fuel performance pales in comparison to that of the updated Ram 1500 V6. The 310-horsepower, 4.6-litre V8 and top-tuned 381-horsepower 5.7 V8 are untouched.

Just how strong is a Tundra? Enough to tow 132,000 kilograms of space shuttle Endeavor across an L.A. overpass on its way to its permanent place. If you haven't already heard about it, check it out on Youtube. — wheelbasemedia.com

BASE PRICES (INCL. DESTINATION)

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Edmonton's Paula Findlay competes in the running stage of the women's triathlon event at the London 2012 Olympic Games on Aug. 4.

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Dad's cancer battle helps Findlay find perspective

Athletics. Triathlete targets triumphant performance at London Olympic course where she struggled in the summer

From a chronic injury, to a heartbreaking last-place performance at the London Olympics, to a diagnosis of anemia that knocked her out of the world championships, Paula Findlay has had one rough year.

Then last week, the 23-year-old triathlete from Edmonton revealed on her blog that her dad Max is battling cancer.

But rather than look at it as more horrible news in a what-else-can-go-wrong kind of season, Findlay said her dad's illness has helped her put everything in perspective.

"As hard as I've had it this past year, I haven't had it that bad compared to a lot

of people, with all the recent events that have happened, the hurricane in New York, and the Lance Armstrong situation and my dad being sick.... There's lots of people who have had it a lot worse off than me," Findlay told The Canadian Press in a phone interview from California.

Findlay said her "very stubborn and determined" dad is doing well. He was home from the hospital four days earlier than expected and is up and walking and eating solid food.

In her recent blog entry — "When the going gets rough" — Findlay wrote, "He's showed that optimism and positivity are powerful tools when the going gets rough."

While her father recuperates, Findlay travelled to Morgan Hill, Calif., this week to be fitted with a new specialized bike. Technicians gave her a bigger frame and adjusted the handle bars and pedals to help combat the hip injury that sidelined her for so much of last season.

Quoted

"I don't have any regrets about the past year. I'm very, very lucky to have been a part of the Canadian Olympic team and it's a lot of hard work, but coming last at the Olympics is not the worst thing that can happen to you"

Triathlete Paula Findlay

Findlay's new coach

- Findlay also has a new coach in Joel Filiol, former coach of Olympic champion Simon Whitfield and former head coach of the British team.
- The two will be based out of Victoria, but will spend much of the winter doing warm-weather training in Arizona and Florida.

"You're pedalling so many revolutions, thousands and thousands of pedal strokes daily, so if you're a little bit off in your positioning ... it can make a huge difference," Findlay explained. "Small changes you might not feel right away but over the long term ... it all adds up and your body can feel the impact of it if it's not quite right."

She hopes to make a triumphant return to the London Olympic course next September for the ITU World Triathlon Series Grand Final, which she admits won't be easy after her experiences there.

Findlay was touted as a Canadian medal hope for months leading into London, but many obviously were unaware of the severity of her injury.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dickey and Price win Cy Young awards

R.A. Dickey languished in the minors for 14 years, bouncing from one team to another before finally perfecting that perplexing knuckleball that made him a major-league star.

David Price was the top pick in the draft and an ace by age 25, throwing 98 mph heat with a left arm live enough to make the most hardened scout sing.

Raised only 34 miles apart in central Tennessee, Dickey and Price won baseball's Cy Young awards on Wednesday — one by a wide margin, the other in a tight vote.

Quoted

"It's something that they can't take away from me."

Tampa Bay Rays pitcher David Price on winning the AL Cy Young award

Two paths to the pantheon of pitching have rarely been more different.

"Isn't that awesome?" said the New York Mets' Dickey, the first knuckleballer to win a Cy Young. "It just shows you

there's not just one way to do it, and it gives hope to a lot of people."

Price, a hard-throwing lefty with the Tampa Bay Rays, barely beat out Justin Verlander for the American League prize in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, preventing the Detroit Tigers ace from winning consecutive Cy Youngs.

He received 14 of 28 first-place votes and finished with 153 points to 149 for Verlander, chosen first on 13 ballots.

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WHL. Brent Sutter takes over as coach of Rebels

Brent Sutter is back behind the bench.

The owner and general manager of the Western Hockey League's Red Deer Rebels, Sutter fired coach Jesse Wallin on Tuesday and took over on an interim basis.

Sutter, the former coach of the NHL's New Jersey Devils and Calgary Flames, was a successful junior coach before heading to the NHL. He coached the Rebels to the 2001 Memorial Cup title and led Canada to gold medals in the 2005 and 2006 world junior championships.



Brent Sutter GETTY IMAGES FILE

The Rebels are fifth in the Central Division at 10-11-1.

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Time is now: Jays suddenly a big fish

Moving up. Deal makes Toronto a contender in ultra-competitive AL East

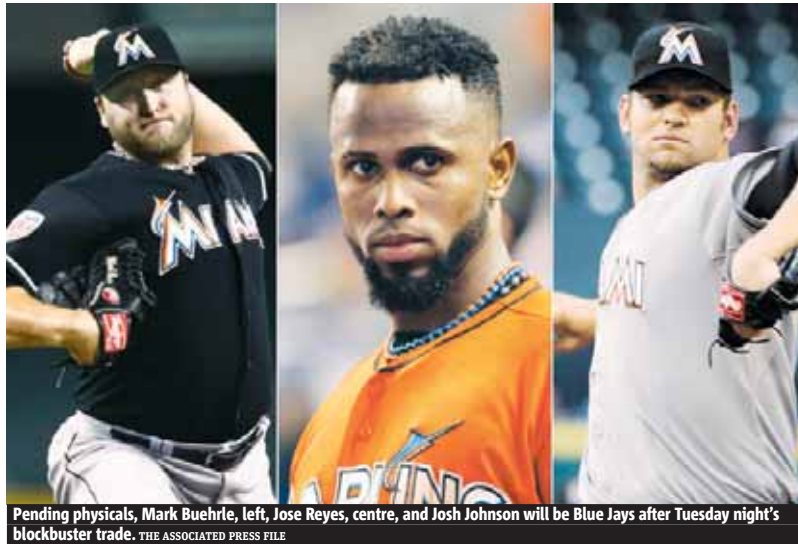
Toronto Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos made it clear when the season ended that addressing his team's starting pitching needs would be a top off-season priority.

He delivered on that plan and dramatically changed the look of the franchise with one of the biggest trades in team history.

The deal between the Blue Jays and Miami Marlins won't get final approval until the players pass physicals. When that happens, Toronto will immediately be considered a contender for the first time since capturing back-to-back World Series titles in 1992 and 1993.

According to various reports, right-hander Josh Johnson, left-hander Mark Buehrle and all-star shortstop Jose Reyes are heading north along with infielder Emilio Bonifacio and catcher John Buck.

Shortstop Yunel Escobar is Miami-bound along with infielder Adeiny Hechavarria, right-hander Henderson Alvarez, catcher Jeff Mathis and prospects Anthony DeSclafani,



Pending physicals, Mark Buehrle, left, Jose Reyes, centre, and Josh Johnson will be Blue Jays after Tuesday night's blockbuster trade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Justin Nicolino and Jake Marisnick.

"It's still got to bear fruit on the field," said Cary Kaplan, president of Mississauga, Ont.-based sports-management company Cosmos Sports. "But I think people feel very happy today — those that are Blue Jays fans — and I think there are people on the fence that will move to the other side."

Johnson, Buehrle and Brandon Morrow provide a deep 1-2-3 punch in the starting rotation. Reyes is a big step up from Escobar. Bonifacio should fill a hole at second base and Buck gives the team an experienced hand behind the plate.

Toronto didn't give up too much from its current roster to make the deal. In Escobar, the Marlins get a mediocre shortstop who fell out of favour in Toronto after writing an anti-gay slur in Spanish on his eyeball stickers.

Mathis was a decent backup and Alvarez posted middling numbers in 2012, but he could be a stud down the line.

The prospect price was heavy as Hechavarria could develop into a star. DeSclafani, Nicolino and Marisnick also have plenty of potential.

But after years of playing with an eye to the future, this deal appears to show that the Blue Jays' time is now.

The new additions make the club much deeper, but they don't come cheap.

Johnson is owed \$13.75 million US next season, Reyes has \$96 million left on a deal expiring in 2018 and Buehrle has \$52 million remaining on a deal expiring in 2015.

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Quoted

"Everybody in the world wants to talk about the Marlins and the fact they're now a triple-A team."

Miami city commissioner Marc Sarnoff. The attendance-challenged Marlins have antagonized fans yet again by deciding a low-budget team is good enough for their new ballpark.

How things change

A look at four other blockbuster trades from the Jays' past:

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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December 1990

The Jays acquired Roberto Alomar and Joe Carter from San Diego while saying goodbye to Tony Fernandez and Fred McGriff. Alomar and Carter were arguably the most important players in the Jays' World Series titles in 1992 and '93.

November 1996

The Jays completed what was then the largest trade in club history in a nine-player deal with Pittsburgh, acquiring left-hander Dan Plesac, pictured, along with Carlos Garcia and Orlando Merced for six mostly minor-league players.



February 1999

The Jays traded their two-time Cy Young winner Roger Clemens to the New York Yankees for lefty David Wells, reliever Graeme Lloyd and infielder Homer Bush.

December 2009

Rookie GM Alex Anthopoulos was tested early in dealing Roy Halladay. Halladay's trade demands limited Anthopoulos to dealing with Philadelphia, but he was still able to get top prospects Travis d'Arnaud, Kyle Drabek and Michael Taylor.



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Lockout. NHL, NHLPA have no plans to meet

Now the NHL and the locked-out players' association aren't even talking by phone.

With the lockout entering its third month, communications between the fighting sides have come to a halt with no clear sign of what the next step will be or when it will be taken.

"No, we have not communicated today," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly told The Associated Press on Wednesday in an email. "No meetings scheduled, and no plans to meet."

After four straight days of negotiations in New York last week, talks broke off

Games lost

So far, 327 games — all those scheduled through Nov. 30 and the New Year's Day outdoor Winter Classic — have been cancelled by the NHL.

angry Friday night. Discussions resumed on Sunday, solely regarding player contract terms, but that meeting ended after only 90 minutes.

Daly says that no decisions have been made to call off any more games.

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NFL

COC doubles up on financial support

The Canadian Olympic Committee will be almost doubling its financial support for Olympic sports over the next four years with an injection of about \$100 million, president Marcel Aubut said Wednesday.

Ottawa has also promised to keep its funding for Olympic sport intact, he said.

The \$100 million will go to support both summer and winter events as well as to prepare for the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto.

It represents an injection of close to \$50 million in new money, Aubut said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Little sizzle before the fireworks at UFC 154

UFC. Bookmakers have Georges St-Pierre as a 3-1 favourite to beat Carlos Condit in Montreal event

The two rivals sat on stage flanked by their championship belts. But fans hoping for fireworks between Georges St-Pierre and Carlos (Natural Born Killer) Condit will have to wait for Saturday night in the cage.

On Wednesday, all the two welterweights did was look good and try to kill their opponent with kindness at the UFC 154 news conference in Montreal.

Condit called St-Pierre "a benchmark" of mixed martial arts.

"I'm honoured to have the chance to compete against Georges," said the 28-year-old native of Albuquerque, N.M., who admits to weeping when offered the bout. "He is someone I've admired as a fighter for a long time. But he's where I want to be, he's the top guy



Georges St-Pierre, left, bows to Carlos Condit following a press conference in Montreal on Wednesday ahead of their UFC 154 title fight on Saturday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

in the sport, top guy in the division. He has cemented a legacy as the best welterweight in the world and that's what I want.

"So all admiration aside, I'm coming to take that from

him."

St-Pierre, who has been sidelined for 18 months due to reconstructive knee surgery, says Condit is the ultimate test in his comeback.

"I have something to prove

to myself," said the 31-year-old Montreal native.

"I want to prove to myself that I'm still the best guy in the world and I believe the best guy right now is Carlos."

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	5	0	1.000	—
Miami	6	2	.750	1½
Milwaukee	5	2	.714	1
Brooklyn	4	2	.667	1½
Boston	5	3	.625	1½
Chicago	5	3	.625	1½
Charlotte	4	3	.571	2
Philadelphia	4	4	.500	2½
Atlanta	3	4	.500	2½
Indiana	3	6	.333	4
Orlando	2	5	.286	4
Toronto	2	6	.250	4½
Cleveland	2	6	.250	4½
Detroit	1	8	.111	6
Washington	0	7	.000	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	7	1	.875	—
Memphis	6	1	.857	½
L.A. Clippers	5	2	.714	1½
Oklahoma City	6	3	.667	1½
Minnesota	5	3	.625	2
Dallas	5	4	.556	2½
Houston	4	4	.500	3
Denver	4	4	.500	3
New Orleans	3	3	.500	3
Utah	4	5	.444	3½
Phoenix	4	5	.444	3½
Golden State	3	4	.429	3½
Portland	3	5	.375	4
L.A. Lakers	3	5	.375	4
Sacramento	2	6	.250	5

Division leaders ranked in top four positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs

NBA LEADERS

SCORING

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Anthony, NYK	5	48	29	134	26.8
Bryant, LAL	8	75	46	211	26.4
Harden, HOU	7	57	56	181	25.9
Irving, CLE	8	67	44	194	24.3
James, MIA	8	77	24	191	23.9
Durant, OKC	8	64	49	184	23.0
Mayo, DAL	8	57	27	171	21.4
Westbrook, OKC	8	60	39	169	21.1
Bosh, MIA	8	62	42	167	20.9
Ellis, MIL	6	46	25	124	20.7
Aldridge, POR	8	67	30	164	20.5
Crawford, LAC	7	47	31	142	20.3
DeRozan, TOR	8	58	40	160	20.0
Gay, MEM	6	44	25	117	19.5
Pierce, BOS	7	41	40	135	19.3
Howard, LAL	8	55	44	154	19.3
Holiday, PHL	7	49	25	134	19.1
Deng, CHI	7	51	25	132	18.9
Duncan, SAN	8	60	30	150	18.8
Batum, POR	8	52	25	150	18.8

REBOUNDING

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Randolph, MEM	6	34	53	87	14.5
Varejao, CLE	7	35	61	96	13.7
Asik, HOU	7	33	58	91	13.0
Hickson, POR	8	38	57	95	11.9
Jefferson, UTA	8	22	70	92	11.5
Howard, LAL	8	30	59	89	11.1
Faried, DEN	8	43	43	86	10.8
Gortat, PHX	8	27	59	86	10.8
Durant, OKC	8	7	76	83	10.4
James, MIA	8	15	65	80	10.0

Not including last night's games

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Friday's games									
Utah at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.									
Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.									
Orlando at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.									
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.									
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 8 p.m.									
New York at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.									
Atlanta at Sacramento, 10 p.m.									
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.									
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.									
Saturday, November 17									
Toronto at Boston, 12:30 p.m.									
Utah at Washington, 7 p.m.									
Dallas at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.									
Memphis at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.									
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.									
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.									
Miami at Phoenix, 9 p.m.									
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.									

GOLF

PGA TOUR MONEY LEADERS

Final

	Trn	Money
1. Rory McIlroy	16	\$8,047,952
2. Tiger Woods	16	\$6,133,158
3. Brandt Snedeker	22	\$4,989,739
4. Jason Dufner	22	\$4,869,304
5. Bubba Watson	19	\$4,644,997
6. Zach Johnson	25	\$4,504,244
8. Justin Rose	19	\$4,290,930
7. Phil Mickelson	22	\$4,203,821
9. Hunter Mahan	23	\$4,019,193
10. Keegan Bradley	25	\$3,910,658
11. Matt Kuchar	22	\$3,903,065
12. Jim Furyk	24	\$3,623,805
13. Carl Pettersson	26	\$3,538,656
14. Luke Donald	27	\$3,512,024
15. Louis Oosthuizen	19	\$3,460,995

LPGA MONEY LEADERS

Through Nov. 11

	Trn	Money
1. Inbee Park	23	\$2,266,638
2. Stacy Lewis	25	\$1,863,956
3. Na Yeon Choi	22	\$1,481,834
4. Yani Tseng	23	\$1,419,850
5. Ai Miyazato	22	\$1,286,927
6. Jiyai Shin	17	\$1,222,366
7. Azahara Munoz	25	\$1,202,940
8. So Yeon Ryu	23	\$1,176,294
9. Suzann Pettersen	23	\$1,169,202
10. Mika Miyazato	19	\$1,094,672
11. Shanshan Feng	18	\$1,073,336
12. Amy Yang	21	\$832,074
13. Karrie Webb	19	\$825,275
14. Paula Creamer	22	\$809,750
15. Cristie Kerr	22	\$809,503

AHL

AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Worcester	14	7	5	1	1	39	44	16
Manchester	12	7	4	0	1	33	25	15
Portland	12	5	5	1	1	43	41	12
St. John's	13	6	7	0	0	27	39	12
Providence	11	4	6	0	1	23	31	9

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Springfield	12	8	2	0	2	41	19	18
Bridgeport	11	8	3	0	0	38	34	16
Adirondack	12	6	6	0	0	30	34	12
Connecticut	12	5	6	1	0	40	45	11
Albany	11	3	5	0	3	22	28	9

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Syracuse	11	7	2	1	1	38	32	16
Norfolk	12	7	5	0	0	39	38	14
W-B/Scranton	13	7	6	0	0	33	30	14
Binghamton	11	5	4	1	1	26	30	12
Hershey	12	5	6	1	0	31	32	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Abbotsford	12	9	1	1	2	40	20	19
Lake Erie	14	8	5	0	0	46	40	18
Rochester	12	8	4	1	0	49	40	17
Toronto	12	7	4	0	1	39	36	15
Hamilton	11	4	5	1	1	23	35	10

MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Grand Rapids	12	7	4	1	1	46	41	16
Chicago	12	7	4	1	0	34	37	15
Milwaukee	12	6	6	0	0	34	34	12
Rockford	13	5	7	0	1	39	44	11
Peoria	13	3	7	2	1	27	49	9

SOUTH

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Charlotte	13	9	3	0	1	50	32	19
Houston	14	6	5	1	2	52	48	14
Oklahoma City	13	6	5	1	1	38	42	14
San Antonio	11	4	6	0	1	27	34	9
Texas	11	4	6	0	1	24	37	9

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.

Wednesday's results

Adirondack 4 Manchester 1

Rochester 4 Hamilton 1

Worcester 4 Portland 2

W-B/Scranton 2 Springfield 1

Peoria 5 Rockford 4

Lake Erie at Abbotsford

Tuesday's results

Houston 7 San Antonio 5

Toronto 6 Oklahoma City 5 (OT)

Lake Erie 0 Abbotsford 3

Thursday's game — All Times Eastern

San Antonio at Texas, 8:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Albany at St. John's, 1:30 p.m.

Portland at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Adirondack at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.

Bridgeport at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.

Manchester at Providence, 7:05 p.m.

Abbotsford at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.

Springfield at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.

Hershey at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.

Grand Rapids at Lake Erie, 7:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Rockford at Chicago, 8:05 p.m.

Chicago at Peoria, 8:05 p.m.

Charlotte at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

MLB

MIAMI MARLINS—Claimed LHP Scott Maine off waivers from Toronto.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with C Blake Lalli on a minor league contract.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jeremy Affeldt on a three-year contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Announced first base coach Trent Jewett with be the third base coach for the 2013 season. Named Tony Tarasco first base coach and Gary Thurman minor league outfield/baserunning co-ordinator.

American Association

GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS—Acquired LHP Ronnie Morales from Lancaster to complete an earlier trade.

NFL

NFL—Fined Houston QB Tim Dobbins \$30,000 for a helmet-to-helmet hit to Chicago QB Jay Cutler.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed G Jeremy Bridges. Placed DE Thomas Keiser on injured reserve.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed TE DeMarco Cosby to the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed RB Kahliil Bell.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed LB Omar Gaither. Placed LB Travis Goethel on injured reserve.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Released WR Phil Bates from the practice squad. Placed WR Lavasier Tuinei to the practice squad.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Released DT Kellen Heard.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Promoted DE Markus White from the practice squad.

Signed LB Joe Holland to the practice squad.

CFL

CFL—Fined Calgary SB Nik Lewis an undisclosed amount for violating the league's social media policy.

AHL

HAMILTON BULLDOGS—Signed G Scott Darling to a PTO contract.

PROVIDENCE BRUINS—Recalled F Alden Hirschfeld from South Carolina (ECHL).

NLL

EDMONTON RUSH—Acquired T Jeremy Thompson from Buffalo for F Aaron Wilson and a 2013 second-round draft pick.

SOCCER

MLS—Fined D.C. United G Bill Hamid an undisclosed amount for failing to leave the field in an orderly manner after receiving a red card and D.C. United F Lionard Pajoy an undisclosed amount for "deliberately marring the penalty mark" in a Nov. 8 game against New York.

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you allow yourself to get angry, it will distort your judgment and you will make a mistake. Then you'll be angrier than before. Remember: There is a reason for everything that happens in life, even the "bad" things.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

It may seem as if someone you have feelings for is trying to avoid you, but most likely it is your imagination playing tricks. Give them the space they seem to need, and soon they'll be back at your side.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The more others try to push you in directions you don't want to go, the more you must resist. Also, be careful when exerting yourself physically. The Sun in the wellbeing area of your chart warns you to put your health first.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You have been too soft with someone who has been taking liberties and now you must go to the other extreme and come down on them hard. If you let things continue as they are, chaos will be the result.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You sense that something big is about to happen, something that will change your life for the better. As usual, your instincts are spot on. So, keep your eyes and ears open and be ready to act.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You seem to have rather a lot to say for yourself at the moment, and that's fine. But watch out that you don't say too much over the next 24 hours or you could find you have given up your advantage. Knowledge is power.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It may seem as if you are losing something valuable, and maybe you are, but there is no point worrying about it. The planets indicate what you have to give up now will be replaced by something much better very soon.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will be under a lot of pressure today and tomorrow as several issues come to a head at the same time. You will find ways to stay on top of them but schedule yourself a restful weekend. You'll need it!

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

For some reason, you are worked up about something that, nine times out of ten, would not worry you. Remind yourself it is of no great importance. In a matter of hours, it will be forgotten.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Steer clear of a friend's personal affairs today. The planets warn that if you allow yourself to get involved, you will find it almost impossible to get out again. And you'll end up getting most of the blame.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If your reputation is important to you then you will have to defend it today. It seems that someone is determined to undermine your authority and you cannot afford to let that happen. Take the battle to them.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You may think you can get away with anything at the moment but Saturn, the great taskmaster of the zodiac, says otherwise. Think things through carefully before you act and, if in doubt, don't act at all. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Canadian Crossword

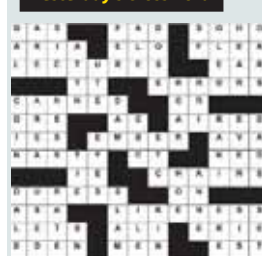
Across

1. Roseanne's hubby
4. Cooking utensil
7. Healthy
10. The Bold —
12. Pitcher's stat.
13. Family group
14. Break in two
15. Salt (Fr.)
16. Rave's partner
17. Noblemen
20. Deal or — Deal
21. Bible pt.
22. Mended a skirt
25. Dogma
29. Past due
30. Island (Fr.)
31. Bad neighbourhood
34. That Don't Impress Me Much! singer
36. Model Railroad gauge
37. Midwestern state
38. Helmut wearing transports
45. Bird of peace
46. Schnozz ending
47. After midnight
49. — to Avonlea
50. Days of — Lives
51. Nova
52. Fashion designer (abbr.)
53. Mad —
54. Avenues

Down

1. — and don'ts
2. Siam woman
3. Close by
4. Fly or hornet
5. Chocolate layer cookie
6. Bath powder
7. Level
8. Ziering and McShane
9. Dynamite (abbr.)

Yesterday's Crossword



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5	6	7	8	2	9	4	1	3
2	7	5	4	8	1	9	3	6
8	3	9	5	6	2	7	4	1
4	1	8	9	7	3	2	5	6
1	4	6	5	9	5	3	2	7
7	9	3	2	1	4	6	8	5
6	5	2	7	3	8	1	9	4

Weather

TODAY



MAX: 5°
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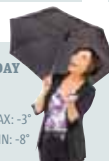


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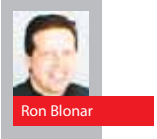
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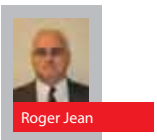
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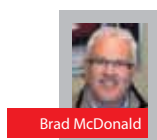
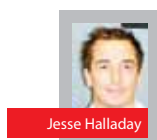


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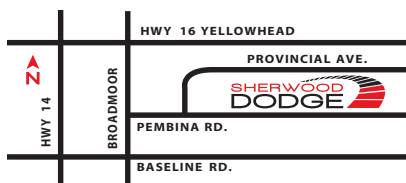
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